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Lamont advisers say tax rise would hit recovery

BY JANET BUSH AND SHEILA GUNN

NORMAN Lamont was warned by his panel of independent economic gurus yesterday not to raise taxes this year, for fear of snuffing out any recovery.

The first report from the "seven wise men" advises the Chancellor to go for growth rather than worry about inflation, and urges him not to take any action that would risk continued recession. Six of the seven oppose tax increases, adding that even in future years, taxes should be raised only if there is clear evidence of healthy recovery.

While only Professor Tim Congdon dissented on taxation, the panel differed on whether interest rates should be cut and in their predictions on the prospects for growth. But, in a sombre report, all but one agreed that unemployment would rise this year and still be above three million at the end of next. They concluded: "Given the length and depth of the recession, another year of flat or declining output would be extremely damaging to the UK economy."

The Chancellor has made clear that he is under no obligation to follow the panel's advice, but members were confident yesterday that it would be hard for him to ignore them. Andrew Sentance of the Confederation of British Industry said: "The Chancellor would have to set out very clearly his arguments for going against the independent panel." Andrew Britton, director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, said: "With this report coming out so soon before the Budget, we do have the opportunity to exert a bit of influence. I hope he will take our advice."

From briefings with Mr Lamont, Conservative MPs are also confident that income tax and value-added tax rates will not rise in next month's Budget, although a limited extension of VAT to food, children's clothing and newspapers has not been ruled out. Some backbenchers also believe Mr Lamont is considering a "green" package, including an energy tax and increased duty on petrol.

One senior backbencher said yesterday: "We have made clear to the Chancellor that nobody wants to see anything in the Budget that takes further money out of circulation. This report merely repeats the advice he has had from the Tory benches and elsewhere."

The seven economists on the panel range from Thatcherite to Keynesian in their outlook, and their debut report had to be radically rewritten on Tuesday because Professor Wynne Godley of Cambridge University objected violently to the Treasury's first draft. That had included average forecasts instead of highlighting the full range of their views. "The report is only justified if it properly describes disagreements for the benefit of public discussion," he said.

One area where the economists disagreed was on interest rate policy, although the report broadly endorses the Chancellor's recent comments. Gavyn Davies of the merchant bank Goldman Sachs and Professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University argued for further cuts soon, but the others said the base rate should remain at 6 per cent unless there was fresh evidence that the economy was still weakening or the pound rose strongly, wiping out the competitive edge secured by the 15 per cent devaluation since September.

None opposed further rate cuts if needed to secure a healthy recovery, but five of the seven expected increases next year, predicting rates of between 5 and 9 per cent by the end of 1994. All seven agreed that the government should not contemplate an early return to the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The report also agreed with the government's view on inflation, forecasting that the underlying rate would hover within the official target range of 1 to 4 per cent over the next two years. Growth forecasts varied widely, with two panel members predicting only an anaemic recovery this year and one expecting 2 per cent growth this year, but all agreed that public borrowing must fall substantially in the medium term.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor said the report was a damning indictment of government policies because it showed that they would lead to further rises in unemployment.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman described the report as *glasnost* without the *perestroika*. "It is good that some of the advice the Chancellor is getting has been published, but it is unlikely to make any real difference to the way economic policy gets decided," he said.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Feet up: Sir Ranulph and Michael Stroud after a news conference at the Royal Geographical Society, London, yesterday

Boys aged ten held by police over murder of James Bulger

BY RONALD FAUX

TWO families from Walton, Liverpool, were under police protection last night after Merseyside police arrested two boys aged ten in connection with the abduction and murder of two-year-old James Bulger a week ago.

The arrests were made in simultaneous raids on two houses at 8am on Thursday by officers of the Merseyside Serious Crimes Squad and operational support division. Magistrates last night granted police a further 36 hours to question the boys.

Protection was extended to the families of the two boys to avoid a repeat of the public disorder that followed the arrest of a boy aged 12 in Kirkdale earlier this week. The boy, one of a number arrested for questioning was later eliminated from police enquiries and released, but public hostility was so great the local authority was obliged to rehouse his family.

The two ten-year-old boys — one of whom comes from a large single-parent family, the other is living with his separated mother and brother and sister — were already being questioned before the *Crimewatch UK* programme on BBC television was broadcast on Thursday evening featuring the murder.

Merseyside police said yesterday that the response to the programme had been overwhelming. It showed computer-enhanced video pictures taken from security cameras of two boys leading James from the Strand shopping centre in Bootle. His body was found by children on a railway embankment in Walton on Sunday. Public revulsion at the murder brought a strong response to calls for information by police and a wave of sympathy for James's family.

Lines to the incident room at Bootle police station were jammed, and detectives said yesterday that the *Crimewatch* programme had added more important information. A complete picture of James's movements after he was taken from the shopping centre had now been compiled.



James: memorial walk planned next week

Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby, leading the investigation, said yesterday: "It is stressed that the boys are currently being interviewed in relation to these matters. At this stage it is not known if charges will follow, as this will depend upon the results of enquiries".

A memorial service for the murdered boy was held last night at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Kirkby. A memorial walk is planned for next week.

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Russia may join Nato peace force in Bosnia

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A JOINT Balkans peacekeeping force of at least 40,000 Nato and Russian troops is being planned for a long-term deployment once the three warring factions stop fighting in Bosnia. Sweden is also to be asked to join.

The United States is now considering sending up to 20,000, and as the largest contributor, would expect to be in overall command under a United Nations remit. Washington and London agreed that countries contributing troops must not be restricted to members of Nato and have been anxious for Russia to play a key role. Britain, France and other nations with troops already in Bosnia would all participate.

In a crucial development, Moscow has now indicated it is prepared to send troops. Vitali Churkin, Moscow's special envoy to the peace talks, discussed this possibility with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the two negotiators, at the UN on Thursday. According to diplomatic sources, Mr Churkin said he did not want the peacekeeping force to consist of "Nato plus one". Lord Owen is understood to have approached the Swedish government to provide a Nordic element. Nato officials said a Swedish contribution would be welcome because they are well trained soldiers.

However, there remain key issues to be resolved if Russian troops are to go to Bosnia. Before the first post-cold war allied mission be-

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Sir Ranulph says he was seven days from death

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

ONLY prompt action saved the life of British explorer Dr Michael Stroud when bone-chilling cold caused him memory loss and he drifted towards hypothermia during his record-breaking unsupported crossing of Antarctica with Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

Sir Ranulph yesterday recalled the day when Dr Stroud, whose fingers were so raw from frostbite that he could barely get his gloves on, suddenly "started making no sense". Realising that he was suffering from hypothermia, Sir Ranulph put up the tent and got Dr Stroud into his sleeping bag to warm him up, preventing almost certain death.

Talking yesterday, both men admitted the long walk had been a horrible experience, "certainly the nastiest expedition I've ever been on in 29 years", Sir Ranulph said. "I hope I remember how bad it was and never do it again," Dr Stroud said.

With blistered feet, suppurating sores on their hands and lips, growing sun-blindness and increasing bad temper, the two men struggled on for 95 days, covering 1,345 miles across a largely featureless terrain. They fell down crevasses, lost two of the four ski poles, broke one of their sledges within four days of setting off, and daily faced the tedium of back-breaking effort with little chance of conversation and few interesting views to divert them.

"The mental side of it is the worst," Sir Ranulph said. "It's a ten-hour day, you are in pain for much of it and there's not

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Great War soldiers fail to win posthumous pardons

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE prime minister has rejected an appeal for posthumous pardons to be granted to 307 soldiers executed for cowardice and desertion during the first world war.

In a letter to an MP who asked him to re-examine the files, Mr Major said: "I have reflected long and hard but I have reached the conclusion that we cannot rewrite history by substituting our latter-day judgment for that of contemporaries, whatever we think."

Yesterday Janet Booth, granddaughter of Private Harry Farr, executed on October 18, 1916 at the age of 26 for cowardice, urged John Major to change his mind.

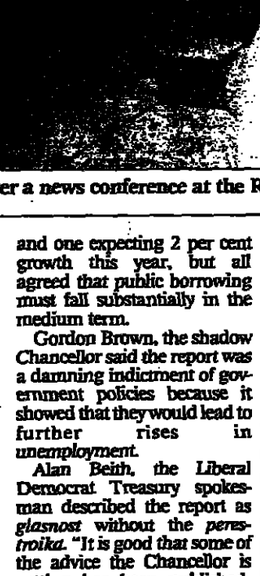
Mrs Booth, from Farnham in Surrey, said her grandmother, now aged 98, had not told the rest of the family until recently that her grandfather was executed for cowardice. Mrs Booth said: "She has lived with the shame and humiliation all these years. A pardon would mean she could rest in peace. The whole family is angry."

Pte Farr, whose family came from Kensington in west London, was serving in the 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. He was charged under section four of the Army Act with "misbehaving before the enemy in such a manner as to show cowardice". He pleaded not guilty at his court martial in Ville-sur Ancre.

A War Office file says that on September 17, 1916, Pte Farr was ordered to go to the trenches but he kept saying: "I cannot stand it." Finally he was escorted towards the trenches "screaming and struggling", but broke away and ran back "to the 1st Line Transport".

Julian Putkowski, a military historian who researched all the first world war executions

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Private Farr: executed for "cowardice" in 1916

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A very British meeting agrees to disagree over the economy

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THERE was intense negotiation, much impassioned disagreement but no smoke-filled room: none of the Seven Wise Men indulge. In truth, the first formal meetings of the Treasury's new forecasting panel seem to have been a very British affair: polite and rather earnest, egos restrained for the greater good of "useful public debate".

The seven members of the panel, representing the middle ground and both extremes of economic ideology, were united in a dutiful sense of trying to do the best job they could and fulfil the brief given to them by the Treasury. Alan Budd, chief economic adviser to the Treasury, was there to "shut people up if they were going on" but, for anyone expecting fireworks, resignations and seething discontent, it has all been a bit of a disappointment.

Far from exposing their differences, the formation of the forecasting panel has probably drawn the men closer together. They do not agree with each other any more than they ever did, but they are certainly seeing a lot more of each other than before, not least because they are becoming ever more frequent visitors to television and radio studios.

Andrew Britton, a tall, slim and rather serious-looking man, coyly admitted yesterday that he had been on BBC radio at lunchtime — with his fellow panel member Tim Congdon — and was off to the *Newsnight* studios for the evening. The Seven Wise Men are becoming the economic media stars of the 1990s, leaving the teenage scribblers and sound-bite experts of the last decade to get on with their work in the City.

The two men who symbolise the opposite ends of the economic spectrum and probably have the most potential for a dust-up are Wynne Godley, the veteran Keynsian from Cambridge, so disapproved off by Mrs Thatcher that she cut off his group's research funding, and Patrick Minford, the arch free-marketeer from the University of Liverpool whose views always found a sympathetic ear in the Conservative party of the 1980s. But all was sweetness and light.

"He's a very clever man," Professor Godley said of Professor Minford. "We look at the world through spectacles of a completely different tint, but neither of us is insane. We are both looking at the same black hole in the British economy."

Both are markedly more pessimistic about prospects for the economy this year than their colleagues. Professor Godley predicts growth of only 0.5 percentage points and Professor Minford forecasts almost no recovery at all with growth of 0.2 of a percentage point. Thereafter, their views could not be more different.

The outspoken Liverpool monetarist trusts to Mrs Thatcher's supply-side improvements and the natural forces of the free market, and believes that the economy will grow by three percentage points next year. Professor Godley is going for only 1.4 percentage points' growth in 1994 and remains true to his catastrophic vision of a Britain which no longer manufacturers enough to pay its own way in the world.

Without a large change in the trend of export shares and import penetration, "the nation will be condemned to endemic recession: an expansion of output fast enough to reduce unemployment would cause the deficit to rise far beyond what can be financed by foreign direct investment (or in any other way), with a danger of ever-rising foreign debt," says paragraph 19 of the report, one of several written by Professor Godley and which was, at his insistence, included in the final report.

It was the redoubtable professor from Cambridge who provided some much-needed excitement, admitting that he reacted violently when he saw the first draft of the report. This was written by Treasury officials after the panel's main forecasting session on February 9. It had attempted to pull together the disparate views discussed and give an average forecast, quite unacceptable to Professor Godley, who faxed through an alternative version of the draft, highlighting much more extensively where different panel members differed and why.

Many sections of the alternative draft was adopted at an all-day rewriting session on Tuesday, punctuated by what was, by all accounts, a modestly boozy lunch of pork chops and a choice of wine in the Treasury's executive canteen. Professor Godley was still disappointed and quoted in Latin the phrase: "The mountains were laboured and a ridiculous mouse was born."

His main concern is that the panel should debate the deeper and longer-term structural problems in the economy and yesterday's report pledged to do this when it next meets in four months' time.

This is when the panel's philosophical differences will become most acute and the very British desire to build consensus be most sorely tested. The Treasury may have to unlock the port and brandy cupboard for some evening sessions next time round.

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Major accused of Maastricht contempt

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

OPPOSITION leaders yesterday accused the prime minister of contempt of Parliament for failing to publish the government's legal advice on the Maastricht Treaty.

Ministers, meanwhile, underlined the government's nervousness about the bill by mounting a concerted defence of the treaty, which is expected to continue throughout the weekend. Tristan Garel-Jones, the European affairs minister, issued a warning of the "body blow" on jobs and investment if Britain failed to sign the treaty. "The cost of non-Maastricht would be lost jobs," he said.

Today Douglas Hurd will outline the long-term consequences of isolation if Britain does not go ahead with the 11 other EC countries. He will emphasise the influence Britain has had in shaping the treaty, such as resisting centralisation, and on other Community issues, including policies towards central and eastern Europe.

Speaking at the Conservative Political Centre European Conference in Oxfordshire, the foreign secretary will warn of the dire consequences of being sidelined and of adopting the social chapter.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's foreign trade commssioner, delivered a similar message in Liverpool yesterday, emphasising the benefits of signing the treaty.

The clear message that the government is still vulnerable over Maastricht came as John Smith and Paddy Ashdown said that they would continue to press for the detailed legal opinion given by the law officers and the Foreign Office on the social chapter amendment.

Mr Smith argued that the prime minister's refusal to reveal why the law officers had overturned advice from Foreign Office lawyers over amendment 27 was totally inconsistent with his drive for open government.

On Monday Labour will call for a second debate on amendment 27, which seeks to end Britain's opt-out from the social chapter, in the light of the new legal advice. If accepted, that will further delay the committee stage of the bill.

In a letter sent to Mr Smith on Thursday night, Mr Major insisted that Mr Hurd had set out the legal opinion in the Commons earlier this week. "If the House of Commons wishes to have further advice on the meaning and effect of the bill, law officers will be present when the committee stage of the bill resumes."

Mr Smith said that Mr Major had given no good reason for failing to publish the advice. "Your attitude is all too typical of the secretive nature of British government, which cries out for reform," he wrote in a letter to the prime minister.

Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said he now had the legal opinion of one of Britain's foremost European and constitutional lawyers, Anthony Lester QC, which flatly contradicted the government's views.

"The government has shown a disgraceful contempt for Parliament, for the open government it claims to espouse and for the democratic process itself by refusing to make public their legal advice," Mr Ashdown said. By refusing to publish its reply in full, or even providing reasons to support it, the government was asking Parliament to accept its advice on trust, he argued. "As far as the government is concerned the right attitude of Parliament should be guilty until proven innocent."

Mr Garel-Jones earlier insisted that 500 MPs of all parties supported its ratification and that the rebels had failed to come up with any alternative. "A small minority of members of parliament after these weeks and months of debate have still been unable to tell us what they want," he said in a statement.

Every political party except the Ulster Unionists thought the treaty should be ratified, he added. "Maastricht is also about jobs, investment and money," he said. "Nobody should underestimate the body blow it would be for Britain if we were to take up a semi-detached position as far as Europe is concerned."

Sir Leon told the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce that Britain's foreign policy objectives would be enhanced under the treaty and there would be close justice and home affairs co-operation to control illegal immigration and international crime to fight drugs and terrorism.

"To reject the treaty would do enormous damage to our standing in Europe and would cause substantial economic harm because of the immense disruption it would bring about all over Europe."

Last night Mr Major sent a second letter to Mr Smith offering him a Privy Council briefing. "You have in recent weeks publicly questioned the government's regard for the impartiality of the civil service. Your care for the impartiality of the civil service seems to disappear when you think there might be political advantage to be had," Mr Major said. "If you, as Leader of the Opposition, wish to be briefed about the advice of the Foreign Office lawyers, I am happy to arrange that on privy counsellor terms. But it would damage the impartiality of the Civil Service if their advice were made public."



Campaigning on: Janet Booth outside the Commons yesterday with a picture of her executed grandfather

Pardons plea fails

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for a co-authored book called *Shot at Dawn*, said: "The court martial said Harry Farr tried to escape but in fact he just fell apart in a nervous collapse. He had been in hospital for five months from a previous collapse and should never have been returned."

The cases of the 307 executed soldiers were taken up by Andrew MacKinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock. He said yesterday he would continue the fight to clear their names.

Mr Major said: "No evidence was found to lead us, including the judge advocate-general, to think that the convictions were unsound or that the accused were treated unfairly at the time."

In 1918, Private Arthur Biggs, of the Notts & Derby Regiment, was executed after staying beyond his allotted seven days' leave at home. That week he had married.

Campaigners lose fight to stop road through forest

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS by countryside campaigners to stop the government driving a six-lane highway through the 8,000-year-old Oxleas Wood, the last expanse of ancient forest around London, failed in the High Court yesterday.

The court rejected a claim by nine local residents and the borough of Greenwich that the government had acted unlawfully in offering a stretch of nearby farmland in exchange for the section of the wood that will be destroyed by the road.

Friends of the Earth said: "This judgment flies in the face of common sense and natural justice and shows that the secretary of state has the discretion to bulldoze our best wildlife sites at will."

David Black, of the resident's group that bought the case, said: "We will pursue this to the Appeal Court if we can get the money." In reality, however, the campaign to save the wood, a designated "site of special scientific interest", now seems to be lost.

A separate legal challenge by Waltham Forest and Hackney councils against plans to build a six-lane link road between Hackney and the M11, which would pass through part of Epping Forest and require the demolition of 300 houses and flats, was also thrown out by the High Court yesterday.

Oxleas Wood, on the southern slopes of Shooter's Hill in Eltham, southeast London, had become the focus of intense opposition by environmental pressure groups to the government's £20 billion road-building programme, which they say threatens areas of ecological importance.

The transport department says the East London River Crossing, which will cross the Thames via a new bridge east of Woolwich and pass through the eastern edge of Oxleas Wood to join the A2, is needed to complete an inner ring road round London and relieve growing traffic congestion.

At issue was whether Michael Heseltine, then environment secretary, had acted lawfully in November 1991, in issuing a certificate that avoided parliamentary discussion of a compulsory purchase order for the 25 acres of Oxleas Wood — 15 per cent of the total area — needed to build the road.

Explorer was close to death

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much scenery to see to take your mind off it. After nine to ten weeks of thinking how you are going to mend the garage roof when you get back, you run out of things to think about."

Finally, Sir Ranulph said, he decided to "be sensible" and abandon the expedition before the final crossing of the Ross Ice shelf was complete. "If we had gone on, we probably would have faded out and died within a week," Sir Ranulph said. By then the two men were very weak. "We were getting colder and colder because we were so thin," Dr Stroud said. "We were on half-rations as we were trying to extend them and we were just not eating anywhere near enough. The potential danger we were in made us be sensible."

The two men had rested for only one day, when an 80-knot blizzard made progress impossible. For the rest, they walked for ten, sometimes 13 hours a day, pulling sledges loaded with 485lb of equipment and food. They hauled them up to 11,000ft above sea level before descending again. "I'm amazed we did it," said Sir Ranulph. "We were either lucky, or God was good to us."

Yesterday both men looked well, if thin. Dr Stroud's fingers were still bandaged, and he warned that Sir Ranulph could face permanent damage to his feet, at one stage in danger of septicaemia. But he saluted as "extraordinary" the fact that a man approaching 50 had been able to complete the crossing of the continent.

The motivations for the expedition were many, Dr Stroud said. "We wanted to help the Multiple Sclerosis Society, we wanted to get scientific data, and you learn a lot about yourself and your own life. It's the same pleasure as climbing Snowdon, but it's just on a different scale."

Sir Ranulph was more prosaic: he did it, he said, as a way of making a living. He would have preferred to be commanding officer of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, as his father had been, but he hadn't got enough A levels. "I wouldn't be able to pay the bills if I didn't do expeditions" he said. Now he plans to get away from it all on a holiday planned by his wife, Ginny. They are going skiing.

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Manchester bids to stage world chess

Manchester has made an offer to stage the World Chess Championship between Nigel Short, who comes from Lancashire, and Gary Kasparov. An unconditional bid, thought to be about £1.25 million, has been submitted by Manchester airport for the right to host Short's challenge against the world champion later this year.

A spokesman for the airport said: "We believe we are the only ones now in the race." The bid, which had to be more than £500,000 to meet the International Chess Federation's requirements, was made against the background of Manchester's battle to host the Olympics in 2000. If the bid is successful the venue will be the Royal Exchange theatre. The federation is to make its decision on Monday. Bids from Spain and a Serbian bank have been rejected.

More horse attacks

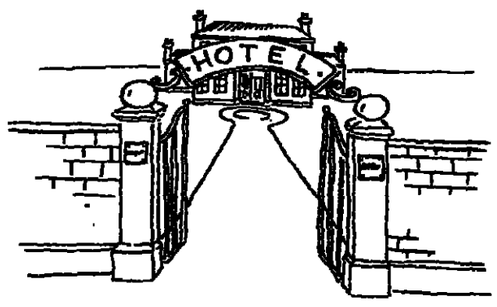
Three more horses have been injured in serious attacks. A 16-year-old mare was slashed with a sharp instrument in a field near Grantham, Lincolnshire, leaving a three-inch gash in its sex organs. An eventing horse was wounded in an attack near Okehampton, Devon. The animal suffered a puncture wound to its right shoulder, which a vet said could not have been accidental. A terrified mare ran into a barbed wire fence after being pierced with a stake at Whitehill, Hampshire, yesterday.

IRA gun gang jailed

Three IRA men convicted at Belfast Crown Court this week of conspiracy to murder and possessing firearms with intent to endanger life, were each jailed for 24 years yesterday. Michael Bennett, 27, Oliver Masterson, 32, and Peter Lynch, 21, were in a hijacked taxi on a Belfast industrial estate in August 1991 when police stopped them.

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Climber discovered starving after week lost on mountain

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A LONE climber was found starving and incoherent after surviving for a week on a Scottish mountain without food and water. Chris Nicholls, 30, an ICI telecom network designer from Warrington, Cheshire, was close to death according to Ian MacDonald, the farmer who discovered him on Thursday.

In a separate incident, the body of a missing climber was found in the Cairgorms by a helicopter rescue team. The search is continuing for two other mountaineers.

Mr MacDonald, who has experience of mountain rescue, was feeding sheep on his farm near Kinlochewe, Ross, when he spotted Mr Nicholls on his hands and knees in a nearby field. The climber told Mr MacDonald that he had hurt his ankle and had not eaten anything since last Saturday.

Mr Nicholls set out on February 11, a fine day, with only a packed lunch and some chocolate, intending to climb 3,307ft Slioch in a day. He had parked his car eight miles away from Mr MacDonald's farm and had not informed anyone of his plans to climb the mountain.

Mr MacDonald said: "We had no idea anyone was on the mountain. Normally they leave a note to say when they expect to be back. It was pure co-incidence that I found him. The weather on Thursday was dreadful. I was out feeding sheep when I looked up and saw him.

"I doubt he could have lasted another couple of hours. He was in a bad state and once it had got dark he would have been impossible to find.

"When I got to him he was very gaunt and light. He's not a big fellow. He couldn't speak at first. He had taken two days to get down the mountain. It's just as well he came down when he did. The weather has been atrocious."

Mr Nicholls decided to bivouac in his survival bag after hurting his ankle and getting caught in the mist. By Wednesday he realised no one was likely to find him and his only chance of survival was to make his own way down. He lost his back pack on the way.

Mr MacDonald telephoned the mountain rescue team at Torridon, who advised Mr MacDonald not to give the climber any food as "it could be dangerous".

Mr Nicholls was given emergency first aid and a hot bath at the mountain rescue station at Kinlochewe. He was taken to Raigmore hospital in Inverness suffering from dehydration and hypothermia.

Mary MacDonald, Mr MacDonald's mother, said that the area had experienced snow, gales and torrential rain in the last week. "I don't know what pleasure they get out of the mountains at this time of year," she said. "We've had a few minor accidents on Slioch over the years and one fatality."

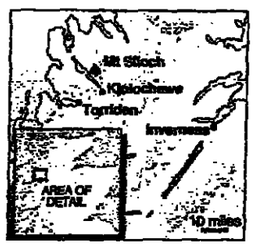
ICI said that Mr Nicholls worked in its Runcorn office and that was an experienced climber. His colleagues knew he was going on a Scottish climbing holiday and no one missed him at work because he was still on holiday last week.

A search involving helicopter and mountain rescue teams was continuing yesterday after a body was discovered in the Cairngorms. Two other climbers are still missing.

The three men failed to turn up as expected at midnight last night but no rescue was mounted because all were experienced climbers and all were well equipped, said a spokeman for the Northern Constabulary in Inverness.

Mountaineering instructors from Glenmore Lodge, near Aviemore, discovered the body of one of the climbers at Corrie An Lochan just before noon yesterday and a search was called in an attempt to find the other two climbers.

A search and rescue helicopter from RAF Lossimouth along with mountain rescue teams from RAF Kinloss and RAF Leuchars joined the search yesterday, but was hindered by low-lying cloud.





London-bound: Tissot's *L'Orpheline* shows Japanese influence on the artist

Tissot's critical failure sells for £2m in New York

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THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.

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Poor show: the review in *The Times* in 1879

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

A PAINTING by the French artist James Tissot, damned as "meaningless" by *The Times* when first exhibited in 1879, has sold for £2 million ($2.97 million) in New York.

A London dealer made the winning bid for *L'Orpheline* at Christie's on Thursday, beating the price set earlier in the week when *La Mondaine* by the same artist fetched £1.37 million ($1.98 million) at Sotheby's.

L'Orpheline shows the French-born artist's Irish mistress, Kathleen Newton, leading a lost child (in reality her niece) through a boggy marsh. According to the dismissive review in *The Times*, the exaggerated nature of the venue implied "nothing short of suicide and by the muddiest of deaths".

Such critical attacks were directed at the artist's morality rather than his painting skills; Mrs Newton had scandalised Victorian society by giving birth to two illegitimate babies, one of which was believed to be Tissot's. She died of consumption in 1882 at the age of 28.

Maurice Furnell of the MacConnal-Mason gallery in London's West End said: "It is a beautiful, important painting, and nice to know it is coming back to London." He said that it was being flown over last night for exhibition in the gallery.

The surprisingly high price has prompted speculation that the world art market may be recovering from a depression which has slashed prices for 19th century paintings. Tissot (1836-1902) was a highly fashionable painter in his time, but for many years his reputation was in steep decline. When *L'Orpheline* last passed through Christie's in 1955 it fetched £399.

Tissot exhibited this monumental painting under the title *Orphans* at the Grosvenor Gallery in 1879 along with seven other paintings, most of which featured Mrs Newton. Judging from the atmosphere of the paintings, from this period, his time with her was idyllic and joyful. The art historian Michael Wentworth said they depicted "Tissot's earthly paradise at its most ravishing: summer afternoons of lazy tranquility and warm sunshine."

Along with Manet and Whistler, Tissot was one of the first Western artists to become interested in Japanese art, and *L'Orpheline* reflects this in the blazing gold of the chestnut leaves accentuating the bold silhouette of Mrs Newton.

The painting which set the first record, on Wednesday night, is an entirely different subject. *La Mondaine*, or *The Woman of Fashion*, was painted when the artist returned, stricken with grief, to his native city of Paris after the death of Mrs Newton.

☐ A working pen the length of a large fingernail was sold for £1,760 to an Italian collector at Bonhams in London yesterday. It was one of a handful of pens made for promotional use by Watermans over 80 years ago. Another can be found in Queen Mary's doll's house at Windsor Castle.

Mothers in Aids scare reassured

By Michael Horsnell

HEALTH chiefs acted yesterday to reassure scores of anxious mothers at the centre of an Aids scare after admitting that a hospital midwife who delivered their babies was HIV-positive.

Mark Rees, chief executive of Bromley health authority in southeast London, confirmed that the woman, who worked at Farnborough hospital, Orpington, had delivered 42 babies and been present at other births. The unnamed midwife is understood to have died recently from meningitis and evidence of HIV surfaced in a post-mortem examination.

Three of the mothers whose babies were delivered by her in the past two years have proved HIV-negative after demanding tests. A third woman has requested tests and doctors are standing by to test any others who request them.

Mr Rees said that the risk to patients was negligible: "Those people at risk number fewer than 10."

All patients who have been in contact with the midwife have been informed. The authority has set up a helpline on 0689 860555.

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Nurses claim Allitt showed no emotion over child deaths

By A Staff Reporter

BEVERLEY: Allitt, the nurse charged with the murder of four children, had allegedly shown no emotion when colleagues spoke to her about the mysterious collapse of patients on her ward.

A jury at Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday that Amanda Poole, another nurse at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital, Lincolnshire, had talked to the defendant after children had died and others suffered inexplicable heart and respiratory attacks.

"There'd been another [cardiac] arrest, another of several," said Ms Poole in a statement read to the jury. "I said to Bev something like: 'God, not another one. Are you all right?' Bev said something like: 'Oh, I'm all right', and shrugged the incident off. She never showed any emotion to me at all."

Another nurse, Valerie Roper, said she had spoken to the defendant during a coffee break after the first two or three arrests. "Bev didn't say anything at all in relation to what I said, and in fact showed no emotion."

Miss Allitt, 24, from Corby Glen, near Grantham, denies murdering four children in her care in 1991 and attempting to murder nine other young patients, the 15-year-old brother of her flat-mate, and a 73-year-old woman. She also denies 11 alternative charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

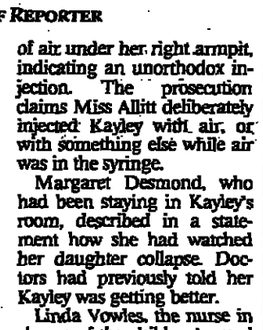
The court was told about the collapse of 14-month-old Kayley Desmond, who was revived and transferred to an intensive care unit in Nottingham. She had been admitted suffering from a chest infection. An X-ray taken after her first collapse showed a pocket of air under her right armpit, indicating an unorthodox injection. The prosecution claims Miss Allitt deliberately injected Kayley with air, or with something else while air was in the syringe.

Margaret Desmond, who had been staying in Kayley's room, described in a statement how she had watched her daughter collapse. Doctors had previously told her Kayley was getting better.

Linda Vowles, the nurse in charge of the children's ward that night, managed to get Kayley breathing fairly soon and she was transferred to an intensive care unit at Nottingham, where she recovered.

Dr Charith Nanayakkara, a doctor with 15 years' paediatric experience, had earlier told the court that the death from a heart attack of Timothy Hardwick, the second of 15 of Miss Allitt's alleged victims, was unexpected. Timothy, a profoundly disabled 11-year-old with a mental age of around four months, was admitted after suffering an exceptional series of fits and put in Miss Allitt's care.

The trial continues.



Allitt: denies four counts of murder

Cell death convict wins retrial

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A MAN who claims that police framed him for the murder of a fellow prisoner in a police cell to cover their own guilt was granted a retrial by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Malcolm Kennedy, 46, of Stoke Newington, northeast London, was convicted at the Old Bailey in September 1991 of killing Patrick Quinn, 55, in a cell at Hammersmith police station on Christmas Eve 1990. Kennedy was accused of kicking Mr Quinn to death while the two men, who did not know each other, were being held for drunkenness.

Yesterday the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, said the whole of the evidence, including information from two new women witnesses, merited consideration by another jury. "In our judgment, onerous though it will be for all concerned, this is a case in which the interests of justice require that we order a retrial."

He said the decision should not be seen as having reached any conclusion about suggested malpractice by the police.

Kennedy remains in custody pending the new trial, which the judges said should be as soon as possible.

McGregor attacks fines on press

By A Staff Reporter

LORD McGregor of Durris, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, yesterday attacked Sir David Calcutt's recommendations that fines and legal strictures should be used to regulate the press.

Speaking at the annual *What the Papers Say* awards, he said it was "no wonder that MPs of all parties revile newspapers", and said he "had gone native over the liberty of the press".

Lord McGregor said: "Most depressing of all has been the neglect of the fundamental issue of liberty raised by its proposals to prevent what it regards as abuses by the press. These cannot be tackled *ad hoc* by this or that legal or legislative intervention without danger to democratic politics."

Matthew Parris, of *The Times*, was named columnist of the year for his political sketches from the House of Commons and his regular column, at the ceremony attended by journalists and editors.

The Guardian took three awards when Maggie O' Kane was named journalist of the year for her reporting from Bosnia and her dispatches from Dublin; Will Hutton was named political journalist of the year; and Ed Vulliamy was named foreign correspondent of the year for his reporting from the Balkans. Andrew Morton won his second award in a week when he was named investigator of the year for his research into the royal family which led to his best-selling book *Diana: Her True Story*.

Richard Littlejohn, a *Sun* columnist, became only the second winner of the irritant of the year award since *Private Eye* was awarded the title in 1968.

Lord McGregor said that critics of the present independent commission had not grasped that in some situations the law was powerless to regulate people's behaviour. "Some current proposals seem designed primarily as job-creation schemes for lawyers," he said.

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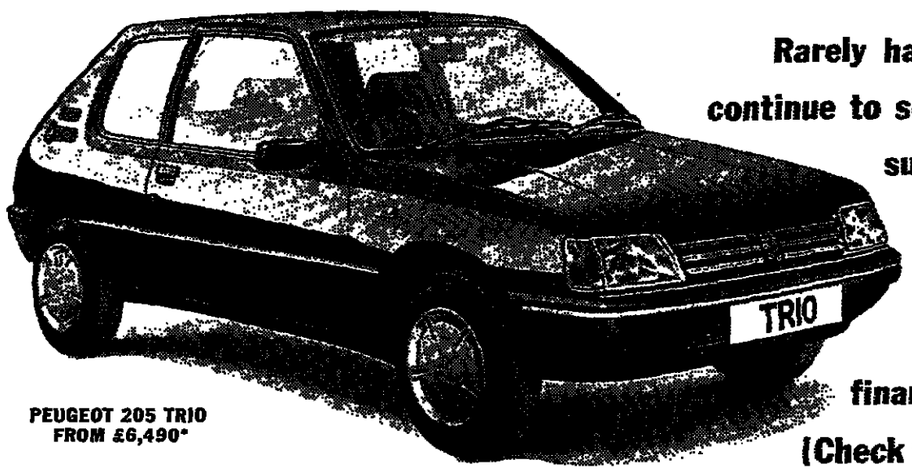
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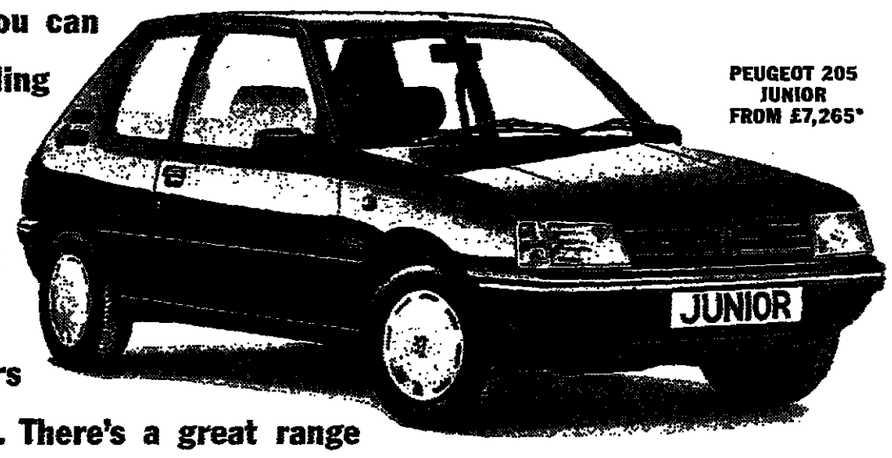
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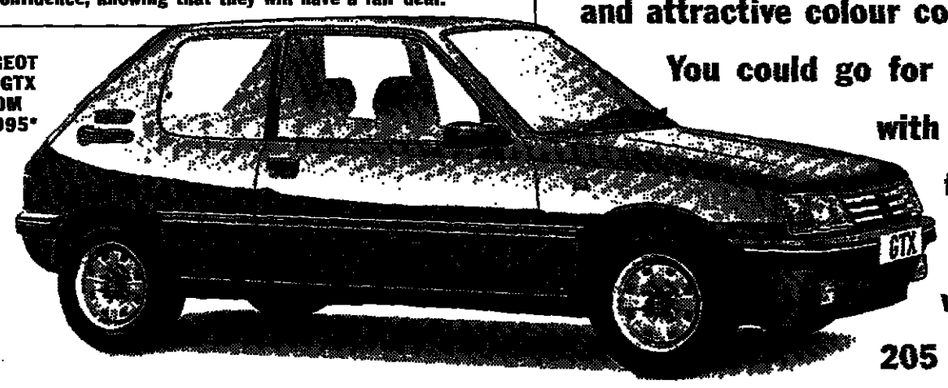


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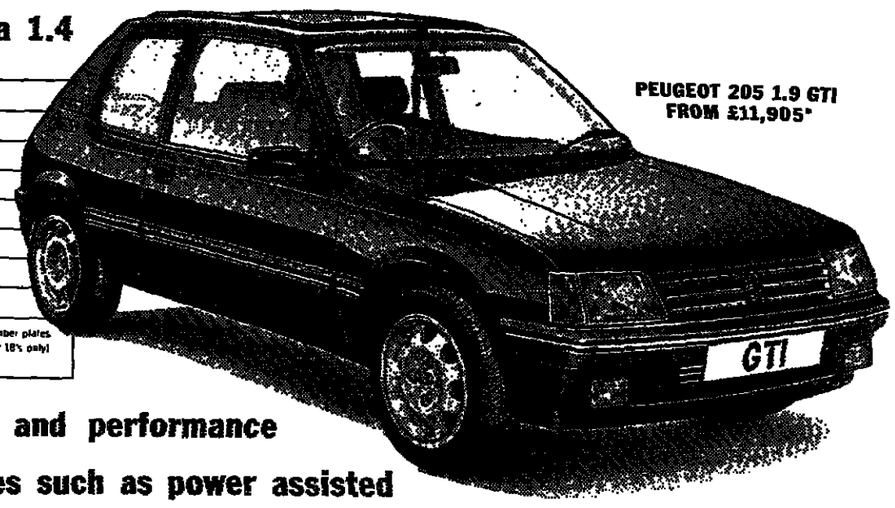
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Patten offers concession to avert test boycott

■ The education secretary's promise not to publish results this year has taken some of the sting out of teaching unions' protests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, tried yesterday to avert a teachers' revolt over English tests for 14-year-olds by excluding this summer's results from national school league tables. The concession appeared to lessen opposition to the tests, which had united the profession and threatened the most widespread industrial action since the pay strikes of the mid-1980s.

Three teaching unions, including both head-teacher organisations, welcomed Mr Patten's change of heart and are likely to drop support for action. This has left isolated the National Union of Teachers and National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), which said that they would continue with plans to ballot members on boycotting the tests.

Nigel de Gruchy, general-secretary of the NASUWT, said: "Mr Patten has done nothing to address the problem of teachers' workload and the nonsense of these tests. How the results are published is of exceptionally little importance."

Mr Patten announced the decision not to publish the results alongside plans for a large expansion of the performance league tables this year. For the first time the tables will include 19,000 primary schools and 2,000 independent schools in England and Wales, listing truancy rates as well as GCSE, A-level and some national curriculum test results. The results of some vocational qualifications, taken by young people at sixth-form and further education colleges, will also be included.

Mr Patten, who met teachers' leaders for talks on Tuesday, said that in future the results of national curriculum tests would not be included in league tables until the year after their introduction. That rules out English and technology results this year.

But Mr Patten said he was determined that the English tests themselves would go ahead, with schools required to report individual results to parents and overall national results being made public. Teachers have complained that the tests are too narrow and poorly prepared, making the results worthless.

Mr Patten said on BBC Radio 4 that he had considered a range of views in making the decision, "because it was quite clear that some teachers were so nervous about the introduction of these tests — they have no reason to be nervous — that they were threatening non-cooperation and boycotts. I think this is most unfortunate so we have taken this decision, which will be broadly welcomed."

He underlined the importance of the tests to the government by highlighting the results of a survey showing that a third of further education students had reading skills poorer than those of a typical 14-year-old. "Had they been tested at 14 perhaps their problems could have been better identified and dealt with."

Russell Clarke, assistant general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said that Mr Patten's decision was a "significant step meeting our most immediate concern".

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that it effectively converted this summer's test into an unpublished national trial. "We expect the government to take on board schools' criticisms of the tests after they have been administered and marked."

College students fail in the basics

BY OUR EDUCATION REPORTER

ABOUT 40 per cent of students at further education colleges lack basic literacy and numeracy skills, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, by the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, was based on the results of a 20-minute test sat by more than 10,000 students at 12 colleges. The students, most aged 16-19 or older, were studying for A-levels, GCSEs and vocational qualifications. Researchers excluded weaker students already taking courses in basic literacy and numeracy skills, and English as a second language.

The literacy test required students to read a straightforward passage and fill in the blanks with suitable words. One in 20 students was judged to require "very considerable" help after falling short of the standard expected of a typical 11-year-old. Thirty-seven per cent had reading skills below those of 14-year-olds.

Students frequently could not spell words such as "through", "accidents" and "from". Instead they produced alternatives including "though", "threw", "true", "thought", "therug", "aksidents" and "fom".

The results of the numeracy test were worse, with one in seven having serious difficulty with basic maths and another 47 per cent below the level expected of a 14-year-old.

Test questions included asking students what time they would set their video to start recording at 6.15pm and end at 7.30pm using a 24-hour clock, and how long the programme was. Students struggled most with questions testing their ability to work out sums they might face when shopping, such as calculating a ten per cent discount.

John Patten, the education secretary, said the figures showed unacceptable levels of illiteracy among young people leaving school.

Alan Wells, director of the unit, said the survey disclosed a larger than expected group of people whose skills were insufficient to meet the demands of the workplace.

Castle man meets wall of resistance

BY JOHN SHAW

A SUFFOLK businessman who contravened ancient monument regulations by lowering a garden wall at a medieval ruin was fined £3,000 at Bury St Edmunds Crown Court yesterday.

Anthony Jackson, 38, reduced the modern brick and flint wall by 1ft 9in near his home at Mettingham Castle near Bungay, Suffolk. The castle, which was originally a fortified manor house, dates from the 13th century.

Jackson, who lives in a house in the grounds, denied executing work resulting in damage to a scheduled ancient monument, contrary to Section 2 of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

The wall ran alongside a drive on which two other residents had right of way. Andrew Howarth, for the prosecution, said that, although the wall was of little historical value, having been built in the 1930s, it was protected along with the monument.

Jackson said in evidence that the wall interfered with the view from his house and he wanted to lower it by two courses for 40ft "so that we could see our garden". He described the wall as rather unattractive, capped with concrete and set with flints. He did not intend to demolish it.

He claimed that to suggest it was part of an ancient monument was "plainly ludicrous". He was ordered to pay costs of £896.

GMTV drafts on board the man with the miracle rat

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

GREG Dyke, widely credited with helping to transform the ailing TV-am into the world's most profitable television company, was yesterday appointed chairman of its successor, GMTV, less than two months into its franchise.

The blunt-speaking chief executive of London Weekend Television, one of GMTV's five shareholders, will succeed Harry Roche, chief executive of The Guardian & Manchester Evening News, as chairman of the new holder of the breakfast-time franchise.

It was Mr Dyke who, as director of programmes at TV-am in the early 1980s, masterminded the "snap, crackle and pap" fare and the children's puppet Roland Rat, which were to become the station's hallmarks.

During his two-year tenure, audiences rose from 200,000 to 1.5 million. Roland Rat, who personified the station's plunge downmarket, became known in television lore as the only rat who ever saved a sinking ship.

Mr Dyke was quick to reject comparisons yesterday between GMTV, which took over the breakfast franchise on January 1, and the TV-am of the early 1980s. "When I joined TV-am ten years ago, there were only two advertisers," he said.

"Half the staff were crying in my office. We couldn't pay the bills and we had a pile of writs. That was a crisis; this isn't."

Mr Dyke admitted that GMTV's viewing figures to date had been "rather more disappointing than we hoped", but added: "There is no evidence yet that this thing is not a viable business. This is not a crisis, this is a change."

GMTV went on the air knowing that it had to achieve at least the viewing figures of its predecessor if it was to break into profit after paying the £34.6 million it had bid to win the franchise. However, ratings have fallen to less than 1.7 million — 15 per cent below target — partly due to the unexpected success of Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast*. Presenters have been reshuffled and the programme's format retouched.

Mr Dyke would not be drawn on what specific changes his non-executive chairmanship might bring, but said that GMTV needed "more popular journalism" and "to feel more confident". "There have been too many interviews with stars on couches and not enough good topical stories," he said.

Mr Dyke also said that he would be seeking to change the station's much talked about "F" factor — now standing for "fanciability" — to mean "family appeal". He did not rule out the return of Roland Rat, although he doubted that it would happen.

Mr Dyke and Christopher Stoddart, GMTV's managing director, refused to comment on possible staff changes resulting from his appointment. Mr Dyke insisted that he would be offering only advice and ideas and would not be involved in running programming: "Television is about ideas. Great presenters cannot do anything if the programme isn't right."

Mr Dyke will combine his new role with his job at LWT.



SIMON WALKER

Hoping for an upturn: Greg Dyke at yesterday's announcement that he is to take over as GMTV's chairman

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Society tempers justice with mercy in dealing with juvenile killers

Police adopt gentle touch with children

■ Juveniles convicted of murder are held in secure units offering stability and discipline few have experienced at home

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

EVERY year about 20 children aged between ten and 16 are convicted of murder or manslaughter in England and Wales. They have included an 11-year-old girl who battered and suffocated an 18-month-old baby to death and a 16-year-old who burned alive an elderly man.

Such brutal deaths generate nationwide revulsion and have fuelled public and parliamentary concern about violence and crime at a time when demands were already being made to give magistrates additional powers to deal with persistent offenders.

While most young offenders are dealt with through community-based punishment intended to tackle offending behaviour those convicted of murder and manslaughter are likely to join other disturbed children in 45 local-authority secure units, containing 270 places, and two youth treatment centres, Glenthorne in Birmingham and St Charles in Brentwood, Essex, which have a further 70 places.

Ten is the youngest age at which a child can be charged with any crime in England and Wales. Below that, the law considers that they are not aware of the consequences of their actions. A child under ten who admitted killing someone would, in most cases, be taken into local authority care or secure accommodation.

Between ten and 14 a child is presumed not to know the difference between right and wrong and is therefore incapable of committing an offence. If a child is to be tried between those ages, the prosecution must prove that he or she knew that what they were doing was seriously wrong.

Any child under 17 taken into custody about the killing of two-year-old James Bulger in Liverpool must have an adult with them when they are questioned. The adult is there to look after the child's emotional and physical welfare and must counter-sign any statements of interviews. The child has the right to legal aid.

Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby, head of the serious crime squad in Merseyside, described the interviewing techniques used in questioning a ten-year-old suspect. "It's similar to when you are interviewing your own child. You have to be very gentle and very soft with them and you have to remember that they are ten years of age. It's just going to be a very long and very slow interview," he told BBC1's *One O'Clock News*.

Children over the age of ten charged with murder or manslaughter would be tried at a crown court but their identity would not be disclosed unless the judge ordered it. Those convicted of very serious crimes such as murder and manslaughter are dealt with under section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and face indeterminate sentences, detained "at Her Majesty's pleasure".

Once found guilty of murder or manslaughter, as 14 ten to 16-year-olds were in 1991, the youngster would probably be put into local authority care while the Home Office and health department studied all the case papers and decided whether to send them to a secure unit or youth treatment centre. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, must give her consent to any child under the age of 13 being put into this accommodation.

On arrival at St Charles youth treatment centre at Brentwood a convicted juvenile would be assessed for three months by educationalists, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers and care staff. The centre, surrounded by a secure perimeter fence, provides each child with a room of his or her own with secure, unbreakable windows but no bars. A daily regime starts at 7.30am and ends around 9pm when juveniles are locked into their rooms for the night.

They undergo up to five hours education a day plus psychological treatment to assist them to come to terms with what they have done and confront offending behaviour.



Cult crime: pictures of this 11-year-old joyrider, swaggering before the television cameras in Hartlepool last week, brought home to the rest of Britain that Twoc-ing — Taking Without the Owner's Consent — is finding ever-younger exponents. It is the main juvenile criminal activity among the bored, usually jobless, teenagers of the North East. Last week, a 13-year-old from Sunderland, already known to be involved in 200 car crimes and who was so small that he had to sit on a head-rest to drive, was sent to a secure unit in Romford, Essex. Police said that in the first 24 hours he was off the streets, car crime in the city centre dropped by 50 per cent.

Scots aim to keep young out of courts

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A CHILD who has committed murder in Scotland will not automatically go before a court. Any case involving a child under 12 has to have the personal approval of the Lord Advocate before going before a court. For children over that age approval must come from Crown counsel.

Whenever possible cases go before a children's hearing. Even though the age of criminal responsibility in Scotland is eight, two years younger than the rest of Britain, Scottish law emphasises the need to decriminalise children and keep them out of court.

If a child is found guilty of culpable homicide in the Scottish courts, the sentence is likely to be detention in secure

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accommodation without limit of time.

There is no life sentence for children in Scotland and there is no automatic right to parole after a set number of years. Once a child who has received such a sentence reaches the age of 16 he or she can be moved to a young offenders' institution and then, after the age of 21, to an adult prison.

There are adults serving "without limit of time" sentences that they received as children. It is up to the Secretary of State for Scotland to decide when someone who has received such a sentence as a child can be released.

There are six institutions for child criminals in Scotland, some run by the Scottish Office, some run independently by organisations such as the church. Children in independent institutions who have been sentenced by the courts remain the responsibility of the Secretary of State.

A child can be detained in a place of safety, anything from a foster home to a secure remand centre, for up to 21 days pending a decision by the children's hearing. The children's hearing system deals with more than 90 per cent of cases involving youngsters and is unique to Scotland.

The grounds on which a child can be brought before a children's hearing include truancy, children exposed to moral danger, children beyond the control of parents and children who are the victims of crime, as well as children who have committed an offence.

Children under 16 are considered for prosecution in court only where serious offences such as murder are involved or where disqualification from driving is possible. When the public interest allows, children in these cases are referred to the Reporter, the official who deals with all cases involving children, by the Procurator Fiscal for a decision on a referral to a children's hearing.

In many instances, the Reporter will decide to call a children's hearing. This is a lay tribunal made up of three members of the Children's Panel, volunteers who are appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland. There are about 1,750 panel members who are each appointed initially for a period of five years.

In addition to the panel members, it is usual for the child to attend the hearing and both parents must attend. The parents and the child have the right to a representative each, usually a lawyer. The hearing is held in the child's home area and is informal. Usually social workers' reports on the child are given and often a report from the school. Medical and psychiatric reports can be requested.

A hearing cannot fine the child or the parents but all decisions made by it are legally binding on the child.

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Smoothing the roads that lead to Rome

Geoffrey Kirk

Between bishops of the Church of England and groups of clergy opposed to women's ordination there has been a deal of plain speaking over the past two months. Bishops have pleaded or blustered; clergy, somewhere between grief and wrath, have responded with a forthrightness not common in clerical circles.

Now, at the height of the feud, word comes from Westminster that the Cardinal is working to offer some sort of help and hospitality. Catholic-minded Anglicans, betrayed as they undoubtedly feel by the church they have served, and in the absence of firm leadership from even the bishops who voted with them, will look at the proposals from Rome with eager expectation.

What sort of package could the Roman Curia produce which would respect the integrity of both English Roman Catholics and Catholic Anglicans? An outline is beginning to emerge.

In the first place, the package would need to respect the sensibilities of Anglicans about the validity of their orders. Bishop Graham Leonard, for example, who has taken a leading role in negotiations thus far, is unlikely to find attractive a formula which obliges him to deny, publicly and unequivocally, all the confirmations, ordinations and celebrations which have marked a long and distinguished ministry.

There would also need to be some sort of acknowledgement of the particular problems of lay people, for whom individual submission and absorption into a community very different in ethos from the average Anglican parish would be difficult if not impossible. The transition would need to be made in groups which could be mutually supportive and which could retain that supportive identity within the Roman fellowship for as long as it was required.

A liturgy which was recognisably Anglican would be important to some, and a relaxation of the rules on clerical celibacy would need to operate, at least for a generation.

None of these is an insuperable problem for the Roman authorities; but each one might create local turbulence in a church which has its own tensions about liturgy and celibacy, which once spoke with crushing clarity about the invalidity of Anglican ordinations, and where, in any case, there is a growing body of opinion which favours the ordination of women.

Anglicans who crossed the Tiber would need to do so with other things clear in their minds. They would need to accept that they were, in the Cardinal's own words, "submitting to the authority of the Holy Father". There has been much talk in the past few years of "Alternative Episcopal Oversight" — a solution to the dissidents' problems just feasible in the rather louche world of Anglican ecclesiology.

They would be wise not to regard the so-called Roman Option as a variation on the same theme. Throughout Anglican history there has been a tendency to separate matters of faith and morals from matters of church order. That curious disjunction lies at the heart of their current problems; in Rome they would need to turn their backs on it.

They would also need to be clear that the concessions made them were only temporary. There is no room in this small, overcrowded island for a permanent "Uniate Church", trailing its coat tails for converts as church membership generally declines. Entry to the Roman Communion would need to be not at a single moment but by a process. And that process could never be an end in itself.

Will many Anglicans in the present crisis walk the path to Rome if it is made smooth and straight? The answer depends very much on the House of Bishops of the General Synod. They have failed, thus far, to come up with any suggestions which meet the needs of the dissentients, or to show even a rudimentary understanding of their difficulties.

In June, not long after the Low Week meeting of the Catholic hierachy, the Anglican episcopate will have another bite at the cherry. It is the hope — but not the expectation — of some that, in a buyer's market, they may yet come up with something saleable.

The Rev Geoffrey Kirk is vicar of St Stephen's, Lewisham, southeast London.

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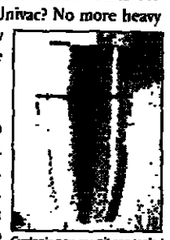
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Girl who strangled two boys

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE best-known precedent in recent years for children being charged with killing is that of Mary Bell, an 11-year-old from Newcastle upon Tyne who was found guilty of the manslaughter of two small boys in 1968.

Bell and a 13-year-old friend were charged with murdering Martin Brown, 4, and Brian Howe, 3, by strangling them. The prosecution alleged at their trial that they

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had murdered "solely for the pleasure and excitement afforded by killing".

The playmate was acquitted, but Bell was found guilty of manslaughter because of diminished responsibility, and sentenced to detention for life. In September 1977, when she was 20, she absconded from Moor Court open prison in Staffordshire, and was free for 36 hours before being recaptured.

However, this did not prevent her release in January 1980 on "life licence", meaning a perpetual commitment to remain in contact with the supervisory authorities. Now 35, she has a new name and an eight-year-old daughter, and is in contact with the probation service several times a year.

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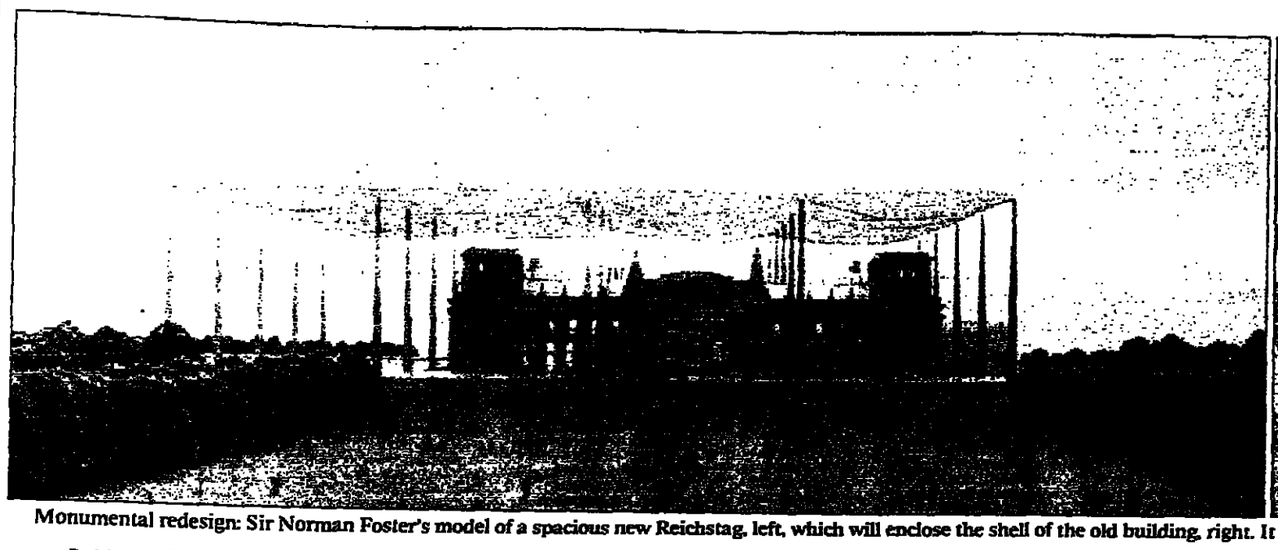
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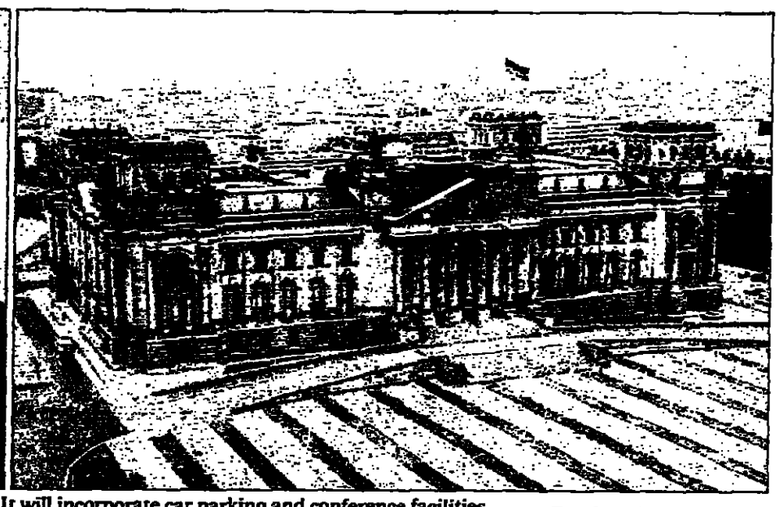
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British architect is selected to resurrect the pride of Berlin





Monumental redesign: Sir Norman Foster's model of a spacious new Reichstag, left, which will enclose the shell of the old building, right. It will incorporate car parking and conference facilities

BY MARCUS BINNEY

THE British architect Sir Norman Foster has won his way on to a short-list of three being considered for the rebuilding of the Berlin Reichstag. The competition was open to all German architects, with ten others invited from abroad.

The competition jury awarded a joint first prize of DM120,000 (about £50,000) each to Sir Norman, the Spaniard Santiago Calatrava and the Dutch architect Pi de Bruijn. Three German architects shared second place. Sir Norman and the two others on the short-list will now submit more detailed designs. The final decision is expected to be taken by the Bundestag before its summer break.

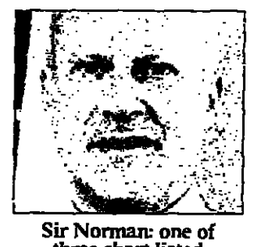
Following the unification of Germany, federal MPs voted overwhelmingly to return to Berlin and by a narrower majority to move back into the shell of the late 19th-century Reichstag, burnt by Hitler in 1933.

Sir Norman's dramatic design encloses the masonry shell of the old Reichstag in a vast and airy glass hall with 25 steel columns, each 50 metres high, supporting a roof higher than the Reichstag's long-vanished dome. Sir Norman said: "I wanted to use simple, timeless elements of podium, column and roof. All the ancillary space demanded in the brief — car parking, offices, galleries and conference facilities — can be provided economically in the podium, while the assembly hall can be built in any configuration within the shell of the old building."

The success of a British architect has an added resonance as the original building of 1884-94, by Paul Wallot, shows strong influence of the monumental style of Sir John Vanbrugh, with square corner towers recalling Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

Sir Norman said: "Initially I decided not to enter the competition as the chances seemed so remote. My wife persuaded me to change my mind and we entered the competition for the master plan as well. We wanted to create a new sense of space, a new openness, with significant public spaces inside and outside the building.

"The old Reichstag is a powerful monument from the past but we did not want it to be the dominant element of the new design so it is set off-centre in the hall." His design faces the park and has one column set in a river.



Sir Norman: one of three short-listed

Country home sales to rise as 'Lloyd's effect' bites

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ESTATE agents predict that a flood of properties valued at more than £250,000 will hit the market in the next few months as the recession finally breaks homeowners who have so far managed to survive mounting losses from Lloyd's or the collapse of their businesses.

Apart from a few highly publicised cases, the "Lloyd's effect", widely forecast last year, has failed to happen. Patrick Ramsay, head of country houses at Knight Frank & Rutley, said: "Homeowners who need to sell because of Lloyd's losses or a drop in their income are still hanging on. They are still waiting for a rise in prices. They are optimists, and every time there is a slight glimmer of hope in the market, they wait that bit longer. They will wait for as long as they still have a bit of equity left in their properties and the banks are giving them leeway."

But pressure from banks and mounting overdrafts mean that they will not be able to delay for ever. Mr Ramsay said: "The first soldiers have gone, forced to by their creditors. But a growing number of people are running out of time. I can't predict exactly when they will be forced to sell, but the drip of people having to sell will become a rush, maybe in three months, maybe in six."

The effect of the delay has been a growing shortage of country houses on the market, despite a good supply of buyers, particularly from abroad. Increasing numbers of agents are taking advertisements seeking properties to sell. A local paper in Newbury, Berkshire, recently carried a spread from Strutt & Parker announcing a shortage of "quality" country properties and asking for new business.

Charles Ellingworth, from the buyers' agent Property Vision, said that many sellers had been bankrupted by Lloyd's losses. Such cases include the sale of Pitchford Hall in Shropshire last year and more recently the sale of Plush Manor, an eight-bedroom, five reception-room Georgian manor near Dorchester. It was sold by Julian and Miranda Tennant because of Lloyd's losses, and the couple were happy to publicise the fact.

The new wave of sellers is expected to trade down rather than sell up altogether. They have seen a gradual drop in incomes rather than huge capital losses as they adapt to life without a yearly cheque from Lloyd's.

"Such people haven't got the incomes to keep up the grand country houses they are living in. They are beginning to crack," Mr Ellingworth said.

"It's an insidious process, and naturally people don't want to talk about it. In the last three or four years, anyone who didn't absolutely have to sell didn't. You were just selling down the drain. Now that people think the market is turning, and their overdrafts are continuing to mount, they are beginning to discreetly enquire about putting their houses on the market."

Mr Ellingworth said that his firm was expecting a large increase in the Spring buying season.

Computer team claims memory feat

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of Cambridge researchers is claiming a breakthrough in the race to produce desk-top computers with the power and capabilities currently available only in massive mainframe machines. The Anglo-Japanese team has developed a way of storing one bit — or unit — of information using a single electron, a sub-atomic particle.

The technology could pave the way for semiconductors able to store one tera-bit of computer memory, or a trillion units of information, on a chip one square inch in size. Such massive memories are needed for pocket or desk-top computers of the future to handle numerous different formats.

Using conventional technology, the equivalent memory could be stored only on a chip 100 yards square and would require a small power station.

Kazuo Nakazato, senior researcher at the Hitachi Cambridge Laboratory, which has pioneered the development in collaboration with Cambridge University's Cavendish Laboratory, said yesterday: "Today's technology means that an area larger than a tennis court would be needed to hold a one T-bit memory. A single electron memory would reduce that to something the size of a 50p piece."

The breakthrough, details of which are to be published in *Electronics Letters*, is claimed to be the first to demonstrate the concept of single-electron memory.

Haroon Ahmed, professor of microelectronics at the university and the project's team leader, emphasised that there were still difficulties to overcome before commercialisation: the system works only at close to absolute zero, or minus 273C, and there are questions over how the chip will be linked into the computer.

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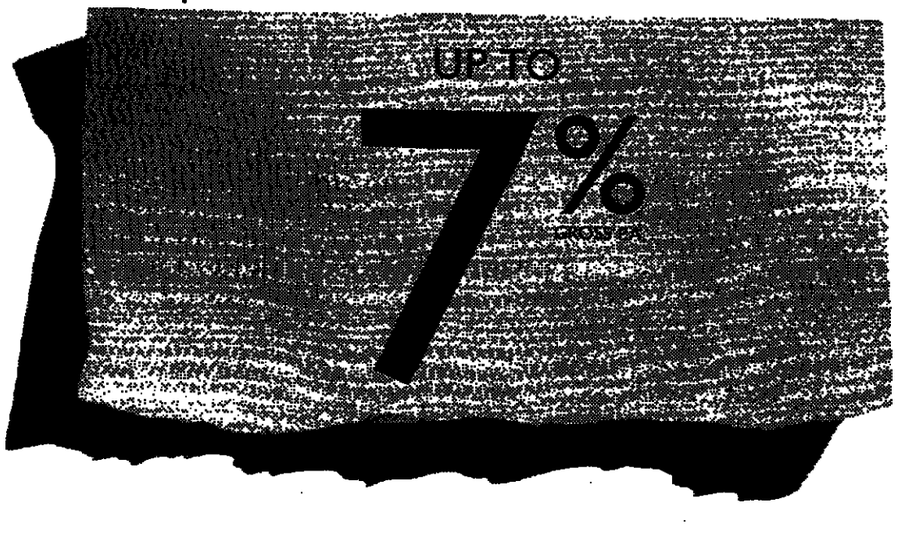
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Fisher's campaign to demolish 'corrosive' secrecy wins cross-party support

MPs give backing to 'right to know' bill

■ News from William Waldegrave of a white paper in the summer on greater openness in government has cheered MPs

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ROBERT MORGAN

THE campaign to shake off Britain's "corrosive disease" — official secrecy — gathered pace last night when MPs overwhelmingly backed moves to allow public access to millions of unpublished documents.

MPs of all parties ignored government appeals for caution and pressed forward with radical plans to demolish many of the barriers currently preventing the public seeing official records. The Labour MP Mark Fisher's "right to know" bill, giving access to information held by central and local government, public bodies and executive agencies, was given an unopposed second reading in the Commons.

The widespread support for the private member's bill will strengthen the hand of John Major and of William Waldegrave, the public service minister charged with creating more open government, in convincing cabinet colleagues of the need to remove current restrictions. Mr Waldegrave promised yesterday to publish the white paper on greater openness before the summer recess and, indicating his support for fundamental change, said: "We do keep too many secrets and make secrets of things that should not be secret. This makes it more difficult to keep real secrets when it is legitimate to do so."

The government will not support Mr Fisher's bill during its future Commons stages, largely because it opposes plans to repeal the 1989 Official Secrets Act. However Mr Waldegrave, who has committed himself to stripping away needless bureaucracy and secrecy, will welcome the opportunity provided by the bill to increase debate on making information more accessible to the public.

To that end, he announced yesterday that the government would release previously unpublished papers relating to Professor R V Jones, the wartime defence scientist, and the Special Operations Executive, which ran undercover agents. He said that many other papers were being considered for release.

Mr Waldegrave added that much had been done to increase the flow of information to the public and more needed to be done. But Mr Fisher's bill was not the way to do it. He preferred the pragmatic steps that the government was taking.

Mr Fisher, a front-bench spokesman, accused the government of providing information to the public on a "grace and favour" basis, adding: "Secrecy is a corrosive disease. This bill will change the culture of decision-making and begin the end of secrecy which is an increasing British disease."

He said that the bill enshrined in law the principle that "free access to information should be a basic, fundamental right in a democracy. Britain is still one of the most secretive societies in the western world and one of the very few democracies not to have some form of freedom of information legislation."

Among material which would be exempt from public access would be information on national security, defence and international relations, law enforcement, personal privacy and commercial confidentiality.

Sir John Wheeler (C, Westminster North) said that the bill created change too quickly and argued that the government's programme of "targeted reform" was a better approach.

Despite its backing last night, a a backbencher's bill without government support has little hope of reaching the statute book. Although ministers will not block it, insufficient parliamentary time will be available for it.



Waldegrave: a white paper in the summer



Fisher: his bill won support of 166 MPs

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Celebrating success: Maurice Frankel, the freedom of information campaigner, at the Commons yesterday

Decade of lobbying bears fruit at last

BY MICHAEL DYNES WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

FREEDOM of information campaigners yesterday celebrated the unexpectedly strong support from MPs for Mark Fisher's "right to know" bill, the first time such a proposal has received a second reading for a generation.

The bill will go before the Commons committee dealing with private members' bills, where each of the proposed legislation's 80 or so clauses, designed to introduce statutory "open government", will be examined.

Under the provisions of the bill, which won the backing of 166 MPs, anyone has a right to information held by Whitehall departments, local authorities, nationalised industries and executive agencies. Information could only be withheld if its release would cause "significant damage" to defence, international relations, the economy or the legitimate activities of the security services.

Yesterday's success was long overdue for Maurice Frankel, 42, director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, which has lobbied for more than a decade for legislation to lift the cloak of official secrecy.

He said that the spotlight would now be on William

MAN IN THE NEWS

Waldegrave, the public service minister, as he made the government's case against growing calls for a statutory right to know. "The Commons has effectively approved the principle of enforceable open government. It will take something more than a declaration that Whitehall is 'open' to satisfy the government's critics."

Despite the government's stated commitment towards increased open government, ministers still refuse to disclose information on a variety of issues, including the scientific advice they receive on the cancer risks of chemicals in food, and the environment.

The results of tests on everything from pharmaceuticals to motor cars are also kept secret.

In the summer, Mr Waldegrave will publish a white paper on open government which is expected to outline what measures ministers are prepared to support to curtail officialdom's obsession with secrecy. While ministers appear ready to listen to the open government debate prompted by Mr Fisher's bill, they will not hesitate to kill it off before it has any chance of becoming law.

Mr Waldegrave's proposals for open government, however, are likely to be rigorously tested by right-to-know advocates, in the same way the so-called Croham directive was tested in 1977. Like the Waldegrave initiative, the Croham directive also sought, but failed, to promote open government on a voluntary basis.

Mr Waldegrave's open government initiative has been in operation for almost a year, and "the results have not been impressive", Mr Frankel said. Few governments have ever willingly given up potentially damaging information.

US urged to modify plan for Ulster peace envoy

BY PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

THE government is increasingly hopeful of persuading the Clinton administration to modify the president's campaign pledge to send a peace envoy to Northern Ireland. John Major will seek to defuse the issue during his talks with President Clinton in the White House next Wednesday, which will be their first meeting.

British ministers and officials have been suggesting a formula that offers a positive response to the president's initiative without provoking opposition from the Ulster Unionists and their Tory backbench allies.

Ministers have said that they would welcome a fact-finding mission by a senior American figure, but they have drawn a distinction between that and the appointment of an intermediary with a brief to negotiate, which would be unwelcome in London.

In private discussions, British officials have said that the identity of the head of any mission is crucial. Anyone associated with the Kennedy family, for example, would arouse strong Unionist criticism.

By contrast, Tom Foley, speaker of the House of Representatives, has an Irish-American background and is regarded as having a good understanding of the issues. He might be too busy to become involved, however.

A senior American official said yesterday that the administration was sensitive to the questions raised and wanted to avoid undermining the present peace talks in the province. Any mission would talk to all the constitutional parties.

An announcement is likely within the next few weeks. Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, is due to visit the United States for St Patrick's day on March 17.

In the Commons, Tory MPs have said that "meddling" by President Clinton would be as offensive as British politicians going to the Mexican border or to the black areas of New York.

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AROUND THE LOBBY

£200 to answer a question

The cost of answering parliamentary questions has risen by about 8 per cent in the past 15 months, according to figures issued by the Treasury. It costs about £218 to answer an oral question and £94 to answer a written question, Stephen Dorrell, Treasury financial secretary, said in a written reply. Between 250 and 300 questions appear on the Commons order paper every day.

In December 1991, the costs were put at £202 for an oral question and £87 for a written one.

The Treasury has increased the upper limit for answering questions from £400 to £450. If the cost of finding out the information sought exceeds this figure, the question is not answered and the MP is told that the information could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

Speeding up

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, promised to speed the publication of government statistics. In a written reply he said that in future all statistics would be published as early as possible, with many being released much more quickly than at present.

Law on bail

A measure to tighten the law on the granting of bail was given an unopposed second reading in the Commons. The bail (amendment) bill, sponsored by Michael Stephen (C, Shoreham), would give prosecutors power to appeal against bail granted by magistrates contrary to the wishes of the police.

Charter costs

Publicity and public information on the Citizen's Charter during this financial year is expected to cost £700,000, the prime minister said in a written reply yesterday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Injured GP wins £1m in damages

A GP is to receive more than £1 million in damages for injuries he suffered in an accident five years ago. Dr Roger Fitzwater, 45, was crushed when a load of roof trusses fell on him at his home in Rochester, Kent.

The High Court in London heard that, despite a fractured spine, he still practised as a GP. Lawrence West, counsel for Dr Fitzwater, said that he had seriously damaged his spine in the accident.

A settlement was reached on the damages claim against Sandell Perkins Trading, of Aylesford, near Maidstone, Kent, and Kenneth Love, of North Fleet, Kent.

Rare bird shot

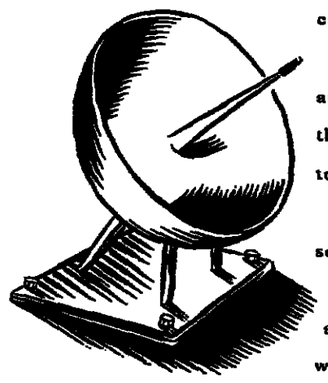
Police are investigating the shooting of a rare peregrine falcon, found by a school group in a stream in a suburb of Edinburgh. There are only about 30 pairs in southeast Scotland and the species is protected.

Cubs charge

Stephen Thrower, 32, a cub scout master and computer engineer of Shepperton, Surrey, was jailed for nine years at the Old Bailey for molesting nine of his young charges and making pornographic videos of them.

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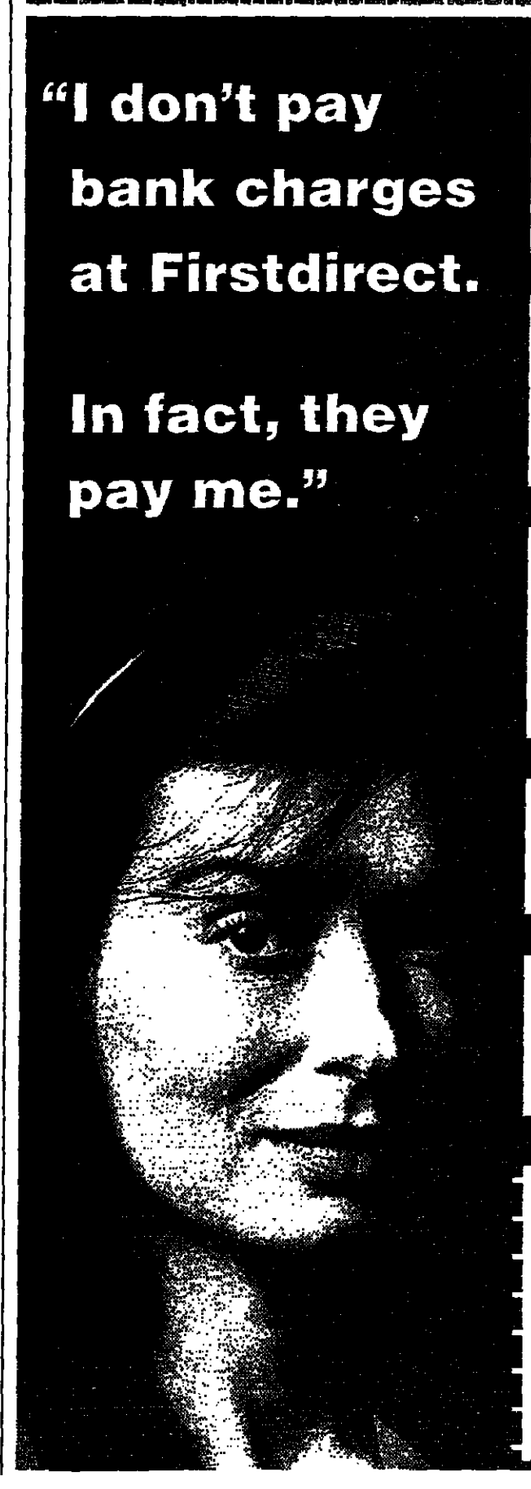
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Far right gives an ancient Soviet hatred new lease of life



Peter the Great: once attacked as Antichrist

IN A courtroom in St Petersburg recently, a member of a local fascist group told liberal demonstrators: "We will exterminate those who oppose us".

He had some reason to feel confident. The court had just acquitted the group's leader, Viktor Bezverkhy, on charges of provoking racial hatred.

Among many ordinary Russians, hostility to Jews takes second place to the acute dislike felt for the peoples of the Caucasus. For the Russian new right, however, anti-Semitism still lies at the core of the entire world view. The nationality of God's elect is Russian. Antichrist is — what else — a Jew.

Antichrist has already been born, is growing up quietly between St Petersburg and Tver, and will usher in his reign sometime around the end of this decade, according to one of the bearded young visionaries who haunt public places. He has one of those frank, amiable Russian faces and, alas, he is not unusual. Strange currents of apocalyptic religion and politics always ran together in Russia, and the end of Soviet police control has brought them to the surface. They form the extreme end of the nationalism which is emerging in Russia, as it has in most of the former republics of the Soviet Union.

A revived anti-Semitism is at the root of the race hatred spreading through the nationalists of post-communist Russia, writes ***Anatol Lieven*** *from Moscow*

It is not unique for religious Russians to identify their rulers as Antichrist. When the use of tobacco was introduced during the westernising phase of Peter the Great's rule, traditionalists denounced him as, "Antichrist sitting on the throne of Russia with smoke issuing from his mouth".

With the rise of modern anti-Semitism in Russia, such apocalyptic images often became mixed up with paranoid fears of Jewish world conspiracies against Russia.

Lenin was frequently identified as a "Jewish Antichrist" in anti-communist propaganda. With the collapse of communism and the rise of Russian chauvinism this is a view that is once again gaining ground.

In a more "respectable" and "scholarly" form, it finds expression in a new biography of Lenin published last week, *In the Light of Day* by Vladimir Solukhin.

This book has had considerable success because of the relentless way it strips away the lies with which Communism had surrounded Lenin. In its turn, however, it imposes its own distorted vision: of a Lenin who was not a Russian at all, but a half-Jew brought up by his Jewish mother to hate Russia. The author goes on to claim that Lenin relied entirely on "Jews and Latvians" to carry out the revolution.

President Yeltsin is too obviously a Russian — indeed, almost a caricature — for even the wildest chauvinist to say that he is Jewish. So papers like *Russki Vestnik* (Russian Herald) make do by suggesting instead that his wife is. It therefore follows, by their reasoning, that the Jewish world conspiracy brought Mr Yeltsin to power.

For much of the traditional anti-communist right, it was a psychological necessity to portray the Bolsheviks as non-Russians. This enabled them to escape the connection between "Russian" and "Soviet" which was made by the rest of the world, and especially by those nations which fell under Soviet rule.

The extreme right wing, however, is hopelessly ambiguous about this subject: for while it hates the communists for having destroyed the monarchy and for persecuting the Russian Orthodox church, it grudgingly respects communism for having made Russia a great military power which conquered other nations. In the words of one nationalist leader today, "we seek the restoration of the Russian empire within the borders of the Soviet Union."

Some of the most hardline Soviet loyalists in Russia are not ethnic Russians and would not find it easy to cooperate with the traditionalists. Some, indeed, are Jewish, like Yevgeni Kogan, who led the Soviet loyalist movement against the independence of Estonia.

This deep ideological split is a big factor in weakening the imperialist and anti-democratic forces in Russia. When radical nationalists in other republics use traditional national symbols, nobody can doubt their passionate sincerity, or the power of these symbols to awaken loyalty and possibly violence.



Lenin: biography says he relied on Jews

Italian corruption scandal claims two more ministers

■ *Giuliano Amato has lost three ministers in the past week. The credibility of his government is now seriously damaged*

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

THE credibility of the Italian government suffered a further blow yesterday after first the finance minister and then the health minister resigned over allegations of corruption and electoral malpractice.

Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, whose position has been undermined by a wide-ranging corruption scandal which has particularly affected his own Socialist party, had just finished reassuring the senate of his determination to soldier on when Giovanni Goria, the Christian Democrat finance minister, announced his resignation.

In his letter of resignation Signor Goria said he was stepping down in order to defend himself against false accusations of corruption. He said he had received no official notification that he was under investigation.

Signor Goria's name has been mentioned in the past in connection with the fraudulent bankruptcy of a small bank in his home town of Asti. A close political associate of the minister was arrested on Wednesday in relation to alleged corruption in the town's health service.

Francesco de Lorenzo, the health minister and a member of the tiny Liberal party, announced his resignation an hour later. On Wednesday, a parliamentary committee approved a request from Naples magistrates to lift his immunity from prosecution. They accuse him of exchanging jobs and favours for votes. Yesterday, Signor De Lorenzo's position became even more uncomfortable as Rome magistrates put his father under house arrest for alleged extortion.

Ferruccio de Lorenzo, 88, a former president of the National Doctors' Federation and a former Liberal party deputy, was charged with taking a bribe of £800,000 on the purchase of properties in Rome and Naples by a doctors' pension fund, of which he was president.

The Liberal party had threatened to pull out of the government, effectively depriving it of its parliamentary majority, if Signor Amato failed to express support for his health minister in yesterday's senate debate. The party subsequently backed down and said it would support the government anyway.

"Italy needs a government. Italy has a government, this government accepts the responsibility of governing," Signor Amato told the upper house in a debate on last week's resignation of Claudio Martelli, the justice minister. Signor Amato warned the senate of the dangers of a power vacuum and was reassured by Mino Martinazzoli, secretary of the Christian Democrat party, that he had the continuing support of his most important ally.

"Fresh elections now would be madness," Signor Martinazzoli said. "As far as we are concerned we are not defending an arbitrary survival. We will not desert."

The Christian Democrats have recently explored the possibility of widening the government coalition but received a frosty rebuff from the opposition Republicans and the Democratic Party of the Left.

The Rome daily, *La Repubblica*, reported yesterday that magistrates were investigating the gift of a one billion lire (£500,000) apartment in the Via Margutta to a former girl friend of Gianni De Michelis, foreign minister until last year and deputy Socialist party secretary until last week.

The paper named the woman as Camilla Nesbitt, 32, from Scotland, and said she was a descendant of Alexander Nesbitt, an explorer and director of the East India Company.

France threatens to veto farm deal

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

FRANCE is threatening to veto the formal signing of a deal between the European Community and America to reduce farm subsidies when Community ministers meet next month in a move that may strain transatlantic trade relations further.

Jean-Pierre Soisson, the French farm minister, said yesterday that he had been authorised by his cabinet colleagues to block the formal passage of a EC-US agreement on oil seed production. The oil seed deal was a key element in a compromise on farm subsidies reached last November after two years of haggling that paralysed the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks. "I shall veto it," M Soisson said.

M Soisson's threat is probably electioneering. The French Socialist government faces defeat at the polls at the end of next month and farmers' demonstrations are an almost daily occurrence. The oil seed agreement is due to be discussed at a foreign ministers' meeting on March 8 and 9 when France will be represented by Roland Dumas, the foreign minister. Community rules say that the agreement could be settled under qualified majority voting that would not allow France alone to block the 11 other EC states.

Italy and Belgium, however, have also hinted that they may join France in derailing the agreement. Denmark, which holds the EC presidency, is likely to take the item off the agenda if deep divisions re-open on the issue.

British officials cautioned last night that even a delay would be bad for relations with the new Clinton administration. "At a time when the Americans have talked about reopening the farm deal, the Community should confirm the oil seed agreement," one said.



Dumas: will represent France at oil seed talks



Endangered species: a soldier paints the double-headed eagle of tsarist Russia on the side of a TU 95 bomber due to be scrapped under the Start 2 agreement

Reforms fail to awaken Russia

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

I HAD telephoned the author yet again, fruitlessly seeking an interview. Sorry, his wife said, he is relaxing. "It is winter so he likes a good lie-in. Then after lunch he usually has a nap and we like to have our evenings undisturbed."

Russia in these doleful February days, when the grey-white of the sky blends with every day's fresh covering of snow, is in the grip of more than usually intense sloth. The average Muscovite is in semi-hibernation and begrudges intrusion in his nest.

This is not purely a seasonal phenomenon: the talent for doing nothing in particular while life slides by is as common in Russia today as in 1859 when Ivan Goncharov wrote his satirical novel *Oblomov*. The hero is a minor nobleman who embarks on a civil service career with high hopes, only to find the idea of work so appalling that he withdraws from the world and spends all of his time in bed. He falls in love with a beautiful girl and dreams of marrying her and settling down as a progressive estate manager but then realises he cannot be bothered and marries his landlady, a woman so uninspiring that she can give him the life of indolent comfort he desires. He dies in squalor and poverty.

Oblomov remains popular because readers discern in the anti-hero a Russian Everyman, stranded between idealism and inaction. The post-communist Oblomov wants a lot of dollars but would prefer not to have to work too hard. He can often be found in the offices of Western companies, smoking and gazing out of the window while the fax paper runs out and the telephone rings unanswered.

The Bolsheviks — who, whatever else they can be accused of, were not a lazy bunch — tried to galvanise their countrymen by glorifying labour.

Goncharov realised the political consequences of laziness and the hindrance it presented to progress. Liberals are now bemoaning the effect of similar indifference on Russia's democracy. In a recent essay, Viktor Shushkin asked: "What will it take to make people see that they and not the government will determine whether reform flourishes or fails? Will they get out of bed in time to stop the next coup happening or just amble into their living rooms to watch it on television?"

The brief enthusiasm for change which sprung up in the wake of the failed 1991 coup is absent these days. Many observers were agreeably surprised that Muscovites roused themselves to defend the White House — but then that was August and the weather was good. Maybe the plotters should have waited for winter.

President Yeltsin, certainly no Oblomov, was prompted to cancel his planned referendum on who should hold supreme power because he feared that less than half the electorate would turn out.

Checkpoint Charlie's ghost haunts Berlin

BY MICHAEL BINYON

BERLIN is a city of ghosts. The past, terrible and glorious, haunts every street and building, revealing the wounds of history. Those from the second world war are still discernible, but are fading fast; those inflicted by 40 years of communism are massive and they will take years to heal.

No street was so scarred by the city's division as Friedrichstrasse, the spinal cord of East Berlin. At its southern end was Checkpoint Charlie, the only crossing point for foreigners, where Soviet and American tanks confronted each other in 1961.

The debris of the border has now been cleared away: the wooden huts where the Stasi guards issued visas and demanded the minimum fee of DM25, the watch towers, floodlights, concrete tank traps, the huge car inspection compound hemmed in by the Berlin Wall. A few relics of control, ugly and rusting, form part of the museum of the wall's history. Now it takes only half a shuddering minute to cross the once impenetrable frontier; the whole desolate area will soon be an American business centre.

Visible war damage includes the pocked stonework, exposed girders and gaping brickwork where upper floors have been blown away. Berlin's great cathedral near by has at last been restored, but the neighbouring colonnade of the old national gallery is still in ruins.

Already East Berliners take changes for granted, and are impatient at the long wait for the opulence of the West. Whatever is built, the past will still seep through. Only in Germany is archaeology a 20th-century science.

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Bonn pumps in funds to help ease growing misery in east

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN SCHWERIN

BONN'S decision this week to grant the five states of former east Germany an extra DM3.6 billion (£1.5 billion) this year and DM8.5 billion next year comes as hopes fade for swift agreement on a "solidarity pact" to boost funds for the east, unemployment continues to rise and fears of unrest grow.

The emergency funds will be added to the fund set up to finance investment in the infrastructure in the east. Economists say that unless private investment can be boosted, the east will fail to generate enough jobs to get the economy moving. A group of Germany's largest industries in the west this week promised to increase purchases from the east, but employers say that with wages in the east now standing at around 75 per cent of those in the west of the country, while unit costs of production are almost double, large-scale investment is unattractive.

There is considerable disillusion in the east of the country, a revulsion against the west Germans, political instability in most eastern state governments and a sharp fall in the birthrate, attributed to a general sense of insecurity. Mecklenburg-West Pomerania is the poorest and sparsely-populated state in the country, bordering the Baltic. The largely agricultural area has lost two of its main sources of income: the shipyards in Rostock have been hit hard as orders for vessels from the former Soviet Union have disappeared and tourism along the Baltic coast has dwindled as east Germans, who previously had nowhere else to go, head abroad on cheap package holidays.

Yet as Berndt Seite, the prime minister of the state, points out, the improvements of the past three years are extraordinary: motorways have been resurfaced; shops have been privatised and are now filled with goods; a private banking sector has been established; a huge repair and renovation programme has begun; telephones have come to villages where before people had to wait for 20 years; and new drains, electricity networks, waterworks and air pollution controls have been put in place.

All this, he said, is now taken for granted by local people. Few in the West understood the challenge of adapting to a new society, he added. People felt overburdened and confused. "On the one hand they want everything more quickly; on the other they say they need time to adjust."

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Boutros Ghali puts aid convoys back on track in Bosnia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ **The secretary-general has taken command to defuse the row. The UNHCR will not pull its staff out of Sarajevo**

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the strong-willed United Nations secretary-general, left little doubt yesterday that he had won his row with Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, over her decision to suspend aid supplies in parts of Bosnia.

Asked on his return to New York if aid deliveries would resume, Dr Boutros Ghali answered emphatically, "Yes, yes, yes. I already sent a message to Mrs Ogata asking her to resume the humanitarian aid. I am supposed to direct this operation."

In eastern Bosnia yesterday, a UNHCR relief convoy pressed on towards its destination, regardless of the high-level political row. The convoy with military drivers from the UN protection force in Bosnia was trying to get through Serb lines to the besieged Muslim populations of Gorazde and Zepa. Other convoys with civilian drivers were expected to resume their work soon.

Mrs Ogata triggered the row within the UN when she announced on Wednesday that she was abandoning efforts to get aid through Serb-held territory to 100,000 Muslims besieged in eastern Bosnia and suspending shipments to Sarejevo, which is boycotting UN assistance until help reaches the east. The diminutive but tough-minded former Japanese academic felt that she had the right to take the "operational decision" to halt aid deliveries.

But Dr Boutros Ghali and the members of the UN Security Council, who set up the peacekeeping force that escorts the aid convoys in Bosnia, were outraged — particularly because Mrs Ogata did not consult them in advance. Dr Boutros Ghali and key security council members fired off angry messages to Mrs Ogata, who was yesterday visiting Burundi, saying they expected her to change her mind. Her staff defended her action by recalling that she had written to Dr Boutros Ghali a month ago to warn him that a suspension of aid may be necessary, and underlining that she did not have to take orders from him anyway.

But officials at UN headquarters in New York countered that, although UNHCR is responsible for aid deliveries in Bosnia, it is acting as the lead UN agency in the former Yugoslav republic. They insisted therefore, that she had responsibilities to other parts of the UN system, particularly the security council and the secretary-general, who set up and run the 7,500-strong peacekeeping operation.

An internal memorandum obtained yesterday by *The Times* makes clear that UNHCR will not pull its staff out of Sarajevo and is ready to resume shipments to the Bosnian capital "when asked".

☐ **Heavier weapons:** The security council yesterday gave permission for the UN peacekeeping force in Croatia to be reinforced with heavier weapons. It agreed to extend its presence in the former Yugoslavia until March 31, to give the international mediators time to negotiate a peaceful restoration of Croatian government control over UN-policed Serb areas.

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Sarajevo paper wins prize

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ONE of journalism's top awards was won last night by a newspaper kept running by pack horses and defiance in the face of danger. The Sarajevo daily, *Oslobodenje* — meaning Liberation — took the Newspaper of the Year award in Granada television's *What the Papers Say* awards.

The gun proved mightier than the pen, however, for Gordana Knezevic, its deputy editor-in-chief. Snipers and mortar shells prevented her leaving the Bosnian capital to accept the award at London's Savoy Hotel yesterday. The prize was accepted by the editor-in-chief, Kemel Kurspahic, who did manage to get out.

Three of *Oslobodenje*'s journalists have been killed since last April when civil war began to tear Bosnia apart. When the daily, with a circulation of 25,000, runs short of paper fresh supplies have been smuggled into the city on pack horses.

The paper is run by an editorial collective including Serbs, Croats and Muslims, and its headquarters has been destroyed by shelling. It has missed only one day's publication since the siege of Sarajevo began last year, when snipers got to within 30 yards of the front door.

The paper is now produced from a nuclear bunker beneath the shell-shattered Sarajevo press centre. The publishing company's plush ten-storey building was long ago reduced to rubble. A roster of ten production staff live in the bunker for seven days at a time then take three days off, running the gauntlet of sniper fire on their way in and out.

Mr Kurspahic said there had been no rifts between the Serbs, Croats and Muslims who staff the paper. "The glue that keeps us together is professionalism," he said.

Oslobodenje was founded in 1943 when it was a mobile wartime press. After the second world war, it became a communist party mouthpiece, but began to take an independent line in the mid-1980s.

Mr Kurspahic said of yesterday's award: "It shows we are not alone in the world. The press cannot be silenced. We might not see the day of liberation, but it will come."

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Frontline news: Kemel Kurspahic, right, editor of *Oslobodenje*, with Mirza Hajric, its London correspondent

Optimistic general battles on

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

PHILIPPE Morillon, the general commanding the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia, is using all available means except force to get aid convoys to communities besieged by Serbs.

On Wednesday, Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, suspended most humanitarian aid deliveries out of frustration, a decision she later reversed under political pressure.

The general assumed personal control of one aid convoy, bound for the besieged eastern Bosnian town of Gorazde, and split it into two groups of lorries. One will try to reach Gorazde and the other will try to go to Zepa, another besieged community. "He believed, truly, that we have a job to bring our aid to people in need," a spokesman for the protection force said.

Lieutenant-General Morillon, 57, a Frenchman who arrived in Sarajevo in October, has remained perhaps unrealistically optimistic about the prospects of peace and of getting substantial amounts of relief to the besieged eastern Bosnian communities. On Thursday, he used his influence on the Bosnian Serbs to try to ensure that convoys reached their destinations.

Conference plan angers Croatia

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

CROATIA accused Unesco yesterday of seeking to resurrect Yugoslavia in spirit by calling a conference of intellectuals from the former Yugoslav republics next Tuesday.

The Croatian embassy in Paris claimed that Unesco had broken its own rules by calling the meeting while failing to notify member states. "While tens of thousands of victims have died in their struggle against the Yugoslav army for liberty and democracy, Unesco is allowing itself to present a kind of 'Yugoslavism' as a counterweight to this conflict," it said.

A spokesman said Federico Mayor, the Unesco director-general, had personally invited writers, artists, actors and religious leaders from the former Yugoslav republics to discuss how peace and understanding could be promoted among ordinary people living in the area of conflict. The one-day conference would not deal with political aspects of the conflict, such as borders or constitutions.

The Croatian statement claimed that the dialogue could not be constructive unless it clearly designated the real causes of the conflict, which it called "direct aggression against Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina".

Russians asked to join Nato force

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tween Russian and Nato troops can go ahead, agreement will have to be reached on how the command structure will work. Mr Churkin said he could see no "insuperable problem" over providing Russian troops but acknowledged that the principal element would come from Nato.

In his talks in Moscow with Reginald Bartholomew, the US special envoy, Mr Churkin apparently made it clear that Russian troops would not come under direct Nato command but could operate "side by side".

The question of payment for the Russian troop deployments will also have to be resolved. Countries now in Bosnia on a humanitarian relief mission have to pay for their troops because Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said the UN could not afford to fund the operation. The 15,000 troops in Croatia, on the other hand, are funded by the UN.

Nato officials accept that Russia may have difficulty in paying for more than just a token military contribution. If Moscow decides to commit a larger force of several battalions, an appeal may be made for other countries to help.

Under current planning discussions, the Americans have made it clear they would not want the peacekeeping operation to be limited to Bosnia but that it should have a wider responsibility. It is more likely, therefore, that any new deployment would be termed a Balkan operation. Under the same peacekeeping package, extra battalions could be sent to Macedonia.

The US and Britain agree that no peacekeeping force will be committed until the three sides in the war have signed up to a peace plan and have demonstrated their willingness to adhere to the conditions.

There is also recognition in Washington that troops charged with implementing a peace plan that involves the division of Bosnia into 10 autonomous provinces would probably need to be in place for as long as 40 years.

However, US diplomatic sources emphasised there would be no need for a large scale deployment of troops for that period. Once the main task had been completed, supervising the restructuring of the country and removing the heavy weapons, a smaller contingent would remain as a permanent monitoring force. Troops from different countries could also serve on rotation, as planned for the operation in Somalia.

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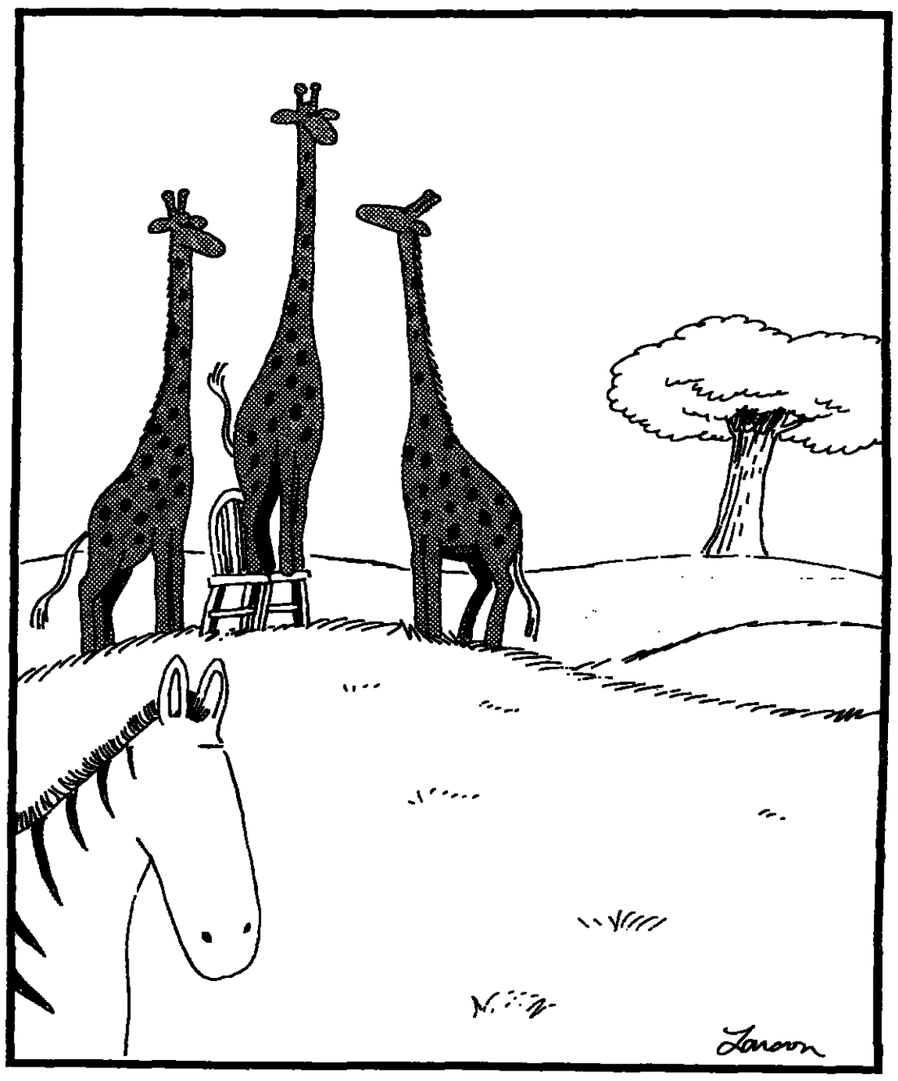
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British editor remodels the soigné symbol of literary New York



EUSTACE Tilley, the soigné Regency gent who for 68 years has served as a symbol of *The New Yorker* magazine, has had plastic surgery (Ben Macintyre writes).

To mark its 68th anniversary, America's most literary magazine invited eight artists to recreate Tilley, who graced the first cover of *The New Yorker* on February 21, 1925 in the guise in which he appears, above left, as created by Rea Irvin, the magazine's then art editor. The other interpretations are, from left, the work of Paul Davis, Art Spiegelman and Ronald Searle. Tilley has appeared, as a pseudonym or cartoon, in every issue. Each anniversary, Tilley has returned to the cover, but never like this.

For the more old-fashioned readers of *The New Yorker*, some of whom are already angry at the new British-born editor Tina Brown's iconoclastic approach, the various images of Tilley in this week's issue may be seen as yet another slight to the ancient traditions of the magazine.

But Tilley himself does not seem to mind a bit, maintaining his distinguished mien in each of his new depictions, which have done little to ruffle the poise of this urbane sophisticate. The monocled butterfly-watcher (or "hyperopic Regency lepidopterist" in the ponderous *New Yorker*-speak that still crops up from time to time) was named after the aunt of someone in the advertising department.

In traditional *New Yorker* vein, in this week's issue Charles McGrath sought the inner-meaning of Tilley or, in his own words, indulged in some "iconographic speculation". Why does he look one way in the original picture and the other way inside the magazine where he is the figurehead for the "Talk of the Town" section, Mr McGrath wondered.

"Why has the butterfly been replaced by an owl?" he agonised. "What was Irvin trying to say here?". He concludes: "They had to put *something* in that first issue."

Perhaps that explains why Tilley has withstood time so well, by accidentally capturing the enduring spirit of the magazine, now being adapted but maintained by Tina Brown: inquisitive but aloof, refined, elegant and just a little snobbish.

Clinton puts faith in selling his budget direct to the people

■ While Congress quibbles over the fine print of his recovery plan, the president is challenging it to come up with something better

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's economic recovery package lost some of its early lustre yesterday as memories of his powerful address to Congress on Wednesday night gave way to detailed scrutiny of the figures.

Congressional and media scrutiny suggested that the deficit reduction would be less dramatic than first assumed, tax increases would precede and exceed spending cuts, and some of the proposed cuts were distinctly dubious. The administration had presented the plan on Wednesday as honest, credible and devoid of the budgetary gimmicks to which previous administrations had resorted.

Mr Clinton campaigned for the package in Ohio and New York state yesterday. Between them, his top officials carried his message directly to 28 states in a concerted effort to generate popular pressure on Congress.

"The price of doing the same thing is higher than the price of my programme," the president said, insisting that he had "no interest in raising a penny in taxes if we're not going to do the cuts".

The administration was under no illusions about the hurdles it faces. Leon Panetta, the White House budget director, said there was only a 50-50 chance of Congress approving the plan, while Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury secretary, acknowledged that some conservative Democrats could defect. "We've never had the discipline of the Republicans," he said.

Mr Clinton has majorities of 82 and seven in the House and Senate. Those conservative Democrats, mostly southerners and past allies of Mr Clinton, could prove critical in the coming months. The growing perception that the president was more serious about tax increases than spending cuts played on their worst electoral fears.

The plan was "selling right now, but it's selling on the basis of the rhetoric", said Pete Geren, a Texas congressman who is trying with colleagues to identify additional spending cuts. "A lot of us are going to want more in spending cuts," Mike Parker, a Mississippi congressman, said. Equally ominous, Sam Nunn, the powerful chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said he feared the president was cutting too much from the Pentagon budget and was uncertain whether he could support the package.

On Wednesday, the administration had touted the plan as a $500 billion (£340 billion) deficit reduction package, but later admitted new programmes and tax incentives to encourage growth would in fact mean a cumulative reduction of $325 billion by 1997.

It also emerged that it would take four years before phased-in spending cuts could reach even rough parity with tax increases. Critics also pointed out that the $247 billion in proposed spending "cuts" included higher taxation of social security benefits, increased fees for government services and politically sacred programmes that Congress would fight to protect.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican House whip, labelled the package "vintage Herbert Hoover and Jimmy Carter". Mr Clinton and Mr Panetta responded testily to charges that they were old-style "tax-and-spend Democrats".

Mr Clinton challenged his opponents to specify cuts of their own. "No hot air. Show me where," he said in Missouri. Mr Panetta told Republican critics to "put up or shut up" and suggested they were "the perfect example of the gridlock the American people are tired of".

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Bentsen: conservative Democrats may defect

Mubarak draws up plan for deportees

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

EGYPT yesterday put forward a three-point plan to solve the deadlock over the 396 Palestinian deportees stranded in a Lebanese no man's land, which has halted the Middle East peace talks.

The plan was submitted to American officials during talks in Cairo. Palestinian sources said that under the suggested blueprint, the deportees would return in three stages ending in June. A spokesman for the deportees at their makeshift camp later hinted that the plan would be acceptable if Israel agreed to end the policy of deportation, which has been widely condemned internationally.

Egypt's pivotal role in the bid to revive the flagging peace process was underlined when Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, invited President Mubarak to a summit in Washington. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, is expected to make a separate trip to the American capital soon.

"President Clinton and President Mubarak have already been working together and I am sure that this meeting in the first part of April will enable them to deepen their relationship and provide further leadership for the peace process," Mr Christopher said.

During yesterday's talks, America and Egypt agreed to work for a speedy resumption of the suspended peace process. Palestinian sources said that the compromise had earlier been discussed between Mr Mubarak and Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. It is expected that the PLO will approve it as a means of resuming the talks.

Previously, the PLO has insisted that all the deportees be taken back immediately as specified in United Nations Security Council resolution 799 as a condition for the Palestinians returning to the negotiating table. The Clinton administration is hoping that talks can resume in Washington within two weeks of Mr Mubarak's visit.

Pyramid trip sets style for Christopher

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

LESS than 24 hours into his first foreign policy mission yesterday, Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, was taking a tour of Egypt's pyramids at Giza.

Far from being a frivolous gesture, the heavily guarded trip was intended as a sign that, although the dapper Mr Christopher, 67, may be pursuing the same goals in the Middle East as his predecessor, James Baker, he will be adopting a different, more relaxed style.

Mr Baker pursued a frenetic timetable that allowed little time for sightseeing. He favoured "banging heads together" when it came to solving Arab-Israeli differences and invested much of his reputation on the Middle East peace process he began in Madrid in 1991.

The Clinton administration, in contrast, has said that it will turn its attention to other problems, notably Bosnia, if the Arabs and Jews cannot find some way of bridging the chasm that still divides them. "It is a big world, there are lots of things to do," a senior official told reporters on Mr Christopher's plane before it touched down on the first leg of the six-nation trip. "This seemed to us to have a very high priority, but it cannot continue to have a priority if we are pushing against a closed door."

The message was the bluntest given by an American administration since Henry Kissinger started Middle East shuttle diplomacy 20 years ago: show some signs of flexibility, or Washington will abandon its willingness to be a shuttle negotiator.

Mr Christopher told correspondents that he did not intend to match Mr Baker's record for the number of countries visited. He will be practising "preventive diplomacy" designed to avert pitfalls for President Clinton rather than imposing solutions.

As well as the pyramids, he will be visiting the Syrian Golan Heights and some sites in Israel. "His intention is to demonstrate a genuine interest in these countries, not just see them as pawns in a diplomatic game," one American source said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Haiti ferry toll may top 1,000

Miami: Red Cross officials in Haiti said they had counted only 285 survivors last night after an overloaded ferry carrying up to 1,500 people sank in stormy seas off the Haitian coast (David Adams writes).

Survivors told how they spent hours floating in the dark after clinging to sacks of charcoal, oil drums and animals after the 150ft ferry *Neptune* sank. They said the ferry, a converted freighter, had no life-jackets or rafts.

Escobar swoop

Medellin: Colombian police detained the wife of Pablo Escobar, the cocaine cartel head, his two children, nephews and bodyguards here, as they prepared to board a flight to Miami. *(Reuter)*

Two get death

Tokyo: Two left-wing Japanese Red Army guerrillas, one a woman, were sentenced to death after a 21-year trial. Hiroko Nagata and Hiroshi Sakaguchi were found guilty of killing 15 people. *(Reuter)*

Arsonists jailed

Berlin: District courts in Berlin and Dresden jailed eight young arsonists for up to seven and a half years for racist attacks in eastern Germany last year. *(Reuter)*

Burma call

Bangkok: Seven Nobel peace prizewinners called for Burma to be suspended from the UN, in an effort to force the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, the jailed opposition leader.

Top banker backs economic plan

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has received strong support for his economic plan from Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, who yesterday described it as "a serious proposal" based on "plausible" assumptions.

The endorsement is important because it lends further credibility to the president's economic proposals. Their chances of success will depend in large part on the Federal Reserve's willingness to cooperate with the administration. Low interest rates are especially important as Mr Clinton has defended tax rises for the middle classes by claiming that they are more than compensated for by falls in mortgage and credit rates.

Addressing a Senate committee, Mr Greenspan said that Mr Clinton was to be commended for raising "the issue of our burgeoning structural budget deficit, which will increasingly threaten the stability of our economic system if we continue to fail to address it". A Republican-appointee whose approach to economic policy seems flexible, Mr Greenspan said that cutting the deficit was more important than how this was achieved — a view with which most Republicans would disagree.

In conservative circles there has been further dismay at Mr Greenspan sitting next to Hillary Clinton during the president's State of the Union address on Wednesday. It is very unusual for the chairman of the fiercely independent Federal Reserve to attend such an occasion, let alone to applaud at the end.

Mr Greenspan's conversion to Clintonomics adds to the momentum developing for the president's economic proposals, despite the fracas over the $169 billion (£117 billion) in investments that Clinton aides left out of the headline figures. The package of tax rises and net spending cuts is not the original $493 billion over four years, but $324 billion.

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Career choice you can count on

Chartered accountancy attracts graduates because of its excellent prospects, **Edward Fennell** reports

Two weeks ago, on the eve of Michael Heseltine's attack on accountants at the Scottish branch of the Institute of Directors, a large group of undergraduates gathered at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford.

Drawn from a broad mix of disciplines — modern languages, social anthropology, science and technology — they were attending presentations and interviews as part of Coopers & Lybrand's annual milk-round for next year's trainees. In short, they were setting out on that long journey which should lead to their names appearing on these pages in three or four years' time.

Had Mr Heseltine been in Oxford instead of Edinburgh that day, would he have attempted to persuade these bright young brains to eschew the subtle temptations of Coopers and make their way instead to presentations made by firms of engineers?

As it happens, many of those at the Randolph had science and engineering backgrounds. But as one chemist, already holding a job offer from Coopers, said: "None of my chemist friends have got anywhere near a job. There just don't seem to be any around this year."

Students continue to gather in such large numbers at these presentations because of the persistent appeal of accountancy to the graduate class. As Ian Plaistowe, the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, said in his swift riposte to Mr Heseltine: "It is worth asking why accountancy has been so attractive as a career to talented young graduates as opposed to, say, engineering?

"I would argue that it is because firms of chartered accountants have been willing to spend on training to an extent which puts most of the rest of business to shame, in particular the engineering sector. Unless and until other sectors take training in business and finance as seriously as my profession, accountancy is likely to remain one of the main routes to the top in the leading companies."

> 'Firms of chartered accountants have spent a significant proportion of their revenue on training'

So while other industries are cutting back their intake of graduates, the main accountancy firms are recruiting hundreds of graduates each year, regardless of recession. Whether or not they expect still to be practising chartered accountants 20 years hence, those Oxford undergraduates gathered together two weeks ago perceived that a chartered accountancy qualification provides an excellent start to a career.

Ian du Pre, who heads the Coopers graduate recruitment exercise, says the firm does not take on such large numbers purely for the fun of it. The cost of training is now so expensive that he must aim to be as cost-effective as possible in the numbers and calibre of the people he recruits.

The goal is not simply to attract people who will be good technically (the "bean counters"), but also to look for those who have a high level of commercial and inter-personal skills. The aim then is to retain them for as long as possible, because only in that way can a return be obtained on the training investment. Clients will pay for accountants' services, Mr du Pre says, because they have the capacity to give "added creative value". Were they to fail to do so then the clients would go elsewhere.

Again, as Mr Plaistowe remarked, accountants could not survive "unless they were providing skills and services which the market wants".

So what are these skills? What precisely will those who are successful today be able to bring to British business?

Andrew Colquhoun, the secretary and chief executive of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, says that accountancy is part of the "essential invisible infrastructure of a market economy". It provides the basis for informed financial decisions by investors and management. The accountant's basic technical skills ensure the provision of the information. The added value comes in helping make the right decisions.

And that brings us back to the numbers game. The financial decision-making process is not simply a service activity, such as hairdressing or catering. It is fundamental, at the strategic level, to the effective use of industrial and national resources. That is why, perhaps, when Coopers & Lybrand was setting its applicants a task for a group problem-solving activity, it did not pose a mathematical riddle. Instead, it asked that they should discuss and draw up a list of national priorities for expenditure and action.

The debate which ensued was all about clarity of thought, analysis of issues and the presentation of arguments within a team context. Perhaps, not surprisingly, they decided that education and training should be priority number one. Because, as one participant said, like a worthwhile qualification, education and training is one of the few investments guaranteed to give a long-term return.

Today's PE2 results should bear that out.

> To celebrate the quincentenary of the publication of Luca Pacioli's landmark book in accountancy history, the ICA will hold an exhibition at its Moorgate HQ next spring.



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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ Girls are to be dragged off to people's workplaces for a day in order to improve their self-confidence

I admire New Yorkers for their eagerness to espouse almost any cause, but sometimes they will go a cause too far. The latest one was launched this week under the slogan "Take a girl to work with you for a day." The idea is that on April 28 every grown-up person with a job, whether or not he or she is a parent, should seek out a girl of between nine and 15 years of age and drag her off to work for the day. It is hoped that half a million girls will cheerfully submit to this treatment. The boys will stay behind at school and be lectured by their teachers on "issues involving women and girls", *The New York Times*, which is one of the sponsors of the project, reported.

What is the point of the project, though? According to the Ms Foundation for Women, whose brainwave it was, its aim is to try to preserve that self-confidence which is usually present in little girls under the age of nine, but tends to evaporate when they reach the age of puberty. The Ms Foundation recognises that keeping girls feeling chipper through their adolescent years is not a simple task, but it believes that sending them off to offices, shops, and factories for a day will help, because it "will show girls the kind of work people do, and it will show them that adults are interested in their views and their participation". The event's organiser, Nell Merlino, explained: "This hopefully will be a day where girls feel they're okay as they are: what they think, how they look, how they smell."

The potential value of the project is, of course, supported by "studies"; but my own research, skimpy though it has been, suggests that close attention should be paid to the kind of work little girls are taken to. A woman in my office, for example, explained that she had never much enjoyed going with her father to work because he was a psychiatrist and his place of work was a state mental institution. Even at this week's publicity breakfast to launch the project, one of the sponsors, a television journalist, admitted that, having once taken her little girl to work, she had had to take her out on a story involving a dead body. Ms Merlino insists that the girls won't only be shown "the glamour jobs", but one would like to think that certain places will be excluded from the visiting list — sewers and mortuaries, for example.

Restaurants would be fun for the girls to visit, but there are difficulties about that because of safety regulations. Offices, on the other hand, are generally very boring. In my experience, children who are brought into work by people with office jobs tend to get very bored very quickly and experience no obvious improvement in their self-esteem. But that is not the parental objective anyway: the aim is to increase the child's esteem not for herself but for her parent. One of the very grand sponsors of the "Take a Girl to Work" project, Arthur Sulzberger Jnr, the publisher of *The New York Times*, announced that he would be taking his young daughter with him to work on April 28. Will this help her to preserve her self-confidence? In her case, possibly yes, but only because she is likely to be treated with sickening deference by her father's employees. On the other hand, she will be even more impressed by the deference accorded to him.

One can think of some incidental benefits that might flow from taking a young girl to work: might not things have turned out better, for example, if Humbert Humbert had taken Lolita to visit the college where he taught? But in general the project strikes me as absurd and also annoying, because, if it is successful, it will add half a million, probably ill-tempered, people to the rush hour crowds. I also think that, if it is to go ahead, it should do so concurrently with another project which would be designed to reduce the self-confidence of children under nine. For the last thing in the world one could possibly desire would be for American children to get through adolescence and into adulthood with their early self-confidence intact. Whatever the reasons — too much money, too much comfort, too much parental indulgence? — small American children are among the cockiest in the world and, in many ways, the most precocious, if not necessarily in academic attainments, certainly in such matters as answering the telephone and handling electronic equipment. One encounters a bossiness in American infants which is mercifully much rarer among adults, and it needs squashing.

> American children are the cockiest in the world

In the meantime, my heart goes out to the boys who will have to stay at school on April 28, being lectured on "issues involving girls". Will this be used as an occasion for secret sex education while the girls are out of the class? That might make some sense, but I fear they will only be taught to show greater respect for the opposite sex and a greater appreciation of women's rights. It will be galling for them sitting in class, listening to this stuff, while the girls are gallivanting about town. And anyway, is there anything more about deference towards women that American males need to be taught?

The author edits The New Yorker's *"Talk of the Town".*

Edmund Burke would have bitterly attacked Maastricht, writes Conor Cruise O'Brien

Liberty sacrificed on the altar of theory

In the course of his speech to the Carlton Club recently, John Major talked about the principles on which he claims his government is being conducted and more than once cited the political philosopher, Edmund Burke. His speech consisted of a series of edifying generalisations such as "We believe in fostering freedom by giving people more freedom to choose for themselves." He did not once mention the Maastricht Treaty, but Mr Major knows, as well as anyone else from the polls, that the British people want a referendum on the treaty. He also knows that if the people were given that freedom to choose for themselves they would reject the treaty by a wide margin.

In reality, the spirit of Maastricht is utterly alien to the spirit of Burke. He was an ardent defender of the British constitution and in particular of the role of the House of Commons within that constitution. In *An Appeal from the New to the Old Whigs* (1791) he wrote: "The *distinguishing* part of our constitution is its liberty. To preserve that liberty inviolate is the *peculiar* duty and *proper* trust of a member of the House of Commons." Is the ratification of Maastricht compatible with the Burkean duty and trust of a member of the House of Commons "to preserve that liberty inviolate"? I think not.

"I feel an insuperable reluctance," said Burke, "in giving my hand to destroy an established system of government, upon a theory, however plausible it may be." That was in a speech about India in 1783. Six years later, Burke was demonstrating that same "insuperable reluctance" by his resistance to the French Revolution, even in its apparently benign and pacific constitution-making stage. Maastricht is the latest phase in a sustained effort to destroy an established system of government — one made up of sovereign nation states associated for certain purposes — upon a theory, that of federalism.

Near the end of his life, in 1796, Burke feared that Britain was about to be swallowed up in a larger continental system based upon a theory. In protest against Pitt's decision to send an envoy to Paris to seek peace with the Directory, Burke wrote: "That day was, I fear, the fatal term of *local* patriotism. On that day, I fear, there was an end of that narrow scheme of relations called our country, with all its pride, its prejudice, and its partial affections. All the little quiet rivulets, that watered an humble, a contracted, but not an unfruitful field, are to be lost in the waste expanse, and boundless, barren ocean of the homicide philanthropy of France."

I grant you that Maastricht is not homicide. That word apart, the whole spirit of this passage is profoundly anti-Maastricht. It must strike a chord in the bosom of every Eurosceptic, while to the Maastricht true-believers it will sound like airy-fairy stuff, without relevance to the realities of the late 20th century.

It is true that Mr Major himself is not a Maastricht true believer. They are federalists, while he is an anti-federalist who imagines that, by his clever negotiating, he has taken the federalist harm out of Maastricht. The European leaders don't agree. One of the most vociferous of these, Martin Bangemann, the senior German representative on the European Commission, announced last week: "There is no alternative to a federal state ... A united Europe in which each state is allowed to pick and choose has no realistic chance of survival." Herr Bangemann considers Maastricht as a step on the road to federalism and he was telling doubters, like the British and the Danes, to commit themselves wholeheartedly to the federalist project or get out of the European Community. So, whatever Mr Major may imagine he is doing in seeking to ensure ratification of Maastricht, he is actually serving the federalist project and toeing the Bangemann line.

The prime minister and the leaders of the Opposition are determined to push the British people into a project that they know the people would reject if they were allowed a say in the matter. This is an unprecedented exercise for a parliamentary democracy and a most deplorable one.

The genius of watercolour

Refugees from the extremes of modern art now have a show to give them joy

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS



Michael 'Angelo' Rookers's study of the Gatehouse at Battle Abbey, Sussex, one painting from an exhibition of great riches

Do you find piles of sacking at the Tate incomprehensible? Is your intelligence insulted by rocks, rags and tubes on show at the Hayward? Well, you can relax. At the Royal Academy in London is the antidote, a haven for refugees from garbage art, an escape from the Great Con.

I have now been three times to the Academy's Great Age of British Watercolours show and it is more packed each time. The exhibition is emerging as one of the surprise blockbusters of the year. Some 2,500 visitors a day are crammed into six galleries: New York's massive Matisse show handled just twice that number in 30. The reason is plain. These are the Old Contemptibles of British art, the watercolour lobby. They have waited long for this day and mean to make the most of it, on parade in corduroy and tweed, tartan, twill and sensible shoes. They learned their art not in the frigid sheds of art education but in the salons of the Courtauld, the attics of the National Trust, the basements of Abbott and Holder. They have fought off a lifetime's sneers from abstract expressionists. They bunkered down against hails of bricks, scrap metal, pebbles and junk. They stayed true to the faith.

Now they have their show. They come to worship at the shrine of Cozens and Girtin, Cotman and Varley, Cox, Turner and Palmer. They love it. I have rarely watched faces glow with such joy in an art gallery. Not here the bored yawns, the fingering of catalogues, the frowning search for the artist's name, of the art mausoleums. These people know. As they float from room to room theirs is the smile of recognition, the smile of the beatified.

Their high priest is Andrew Wilton, organiser of the exhibition (sponsored by Martini). Mr Wilton is plainly an anarchist. He has tossed onto his walls whatever pictures came to hand from 1750 to 1880. There is little by way of a theme and scant regard for balanced representation. Frankly it is a mess. But who cares? From the monochrome landscapes of Cozens, Gilpin and Girtin through the sumptuous gouaches of Samuel Palmer to Turner's great exhibition pieces there is not a dull moment. Was this not the most glorious age of British art? Even Constable, Gainsborough and Turner, all here, seem more intense, more revolutionary in watercolour.

Water is indeed the essence. I suppose it is the veil through which the British customarily see their landscape. Water seeps, drips, soaks, cascades down the walls of the Academy. Turner's Reichenbach Falls had me reaching for an umbrella. The washes of Cox and Bonington look as if they have been dipped in a stream and left to dry. Whistler's seascapes appear drenched with tears, as probably they were. When Danby or de Wint struggled to bring sunlight onto a wall or hillside, the foreground steams in protest and rainbows burst from heavy clouds. As for Varley, I am sure that he was painting under water.

Turner justly towers over the gathering. But John Sell Cotman is its revelation. He emerges from the shadows of his black castles and lowering slopes to challenge the master of the medium. It is a huge challenge. Turner's rain-soaked Stamford high street is among his masterpieces. His Venetian lagoons, with sun, air and water stirred into pools of gorgeous colour outstrip anything he did in oil.

But Cotman has an answer every time. He took over the mantle of Girtin and could have passed it straight to the Impressionists had he not wandered off into etching. His studies of Croyland Abbey, Greta Bridge and Chirk Aqueduct presaged Cezanne as surely as Turner presaged Monet. Like Girtin he found inspiration in the blacks and blues of the English landscape, in the thrill of a castle or church tower picked out by a ray of sun. He loved the dark. His St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, is not a portrayal of dawn rising over a river but rather of a dank night all too reluctant to take its leave. This is the naturalism of the age of Wordsworth and Coleridge, and every bit as daring.

Simon Jenkins

In among these heavyweights are scattered the lesser contestants. Topographers such as Shotter Boys, the Sandbys and Samuel Prout suffer unfairly by juxtaposition with the greats. Those splendid recorders of empire, Roberts and Daniell, can here seem merely exotic. But no sooner are they done than Samuel Palmer's idylls of the gloaming are upon us, his brilliant *Harvesters by Firelight* released from the Mellon collection in Washington. Water is now mixed with gum and bodycolour to produce effects as vivid as any oilpaint. John Martin's sunsets, beloved of Queen Victoria, fairly leap off the wall.

The Victorian watercolourists eventually moved on to gigantism. The exhibition ends with a room of huge pieces in gilt frames, artists seeking to outdo oil painters in the grandeur of their subjects and the vehemence of their colours. The result is magnificent but somehow not the war that has been fought and won in the previous rooms. From being a medium of radical genius, watercolour becomes an also ran. But what an episode!

I happened to go from the Academy straight across the river to the Hayward Gallery, to an exhibition that purports to show the cream of European sculpture between 1965 and 1975. It was a shock. The show is an assembly of tubing, light bulbs, sacks, old newspapers, a parrot, cactus, brushwood and foam rubber, explained in the language *now de rigueur* for such work: "totality and matter of factness in relation to the viewer ... the playfulness asks fundamental questions that are philosophical as well as physical."

Those who complain of such nonsense are charged with repeating Ruskin's attack on Whistler's modernism as "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face". Dare we risk the ridicule later heaped on Ruskin's head? Both Ruskin and Whistler are on show at the Academy. Ruskin would surely be more respectful if only he knew. Dare we say within the hallowed walls of a great gallery that we think we are being conned?

I believe the alert imagination does not capitulate merely because a gallery asks to be "taken seriously". The imagination does not behave like Gombrich's art critic, so drunk that he cannot tell a friend from a lamppost and so embraces both. It asks where Ruskin may have been at fault, but reserves the right to repeat his accusation. In my view the Hayward's emperors are totally naked. But there are garments aplenty at the Academy. The Old Contemptibles know what they like. But they know more than that. They know that what they like is good.

The Great Age of British Watercolours 1750-1880 *is at the Royal Academy of Arts in Piccadilly until April 12.*

Fun in Brum

JOHN MAJOR and John Smith are planning to hang up their buckets and spades, and turn their backs on the traditional seaside party conference. Luring them away, apparently, is the enticing prospect of a week in Birmingham.

Both parties, it seems, are contemplating holding a future annual gathering at the city's International Conference Centre, which was host to the EC circus last October.

But the prospect of thousands of Labour comrades and equal numbers of knights of the shires descending on Birmingham for two weeks has not exactly united the city — which would be considerably disrupted by the necessary security.

The former Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore, supports the idea. "People think of Birmingham as an ugly manufacturing city. But people are wrong. It is the city that nobody wants to go to but no one wants to leave. I think the conference-goers will be in for a pleasant surprise."

Sir Richard Knowles, the leader of the Labour-controlled city council, is especially delighted at the prospect of the Tories coming to town. "I can think of no finer place for them to come to spend their overdrafts. It would be a great opportunity for some of my comrades from Sparkbrook to grab the Tories by their lapels and ask them about the £55 million they pinched from our grant money this year. But we're not fussy. We would have the Militant Tendency if they could afford to pay for it."

Shrine haunter

FROM serial killers to saints. Brian Masters, who worked eight hours a day for 10 weeks to finish his latest work, *The Shrine of Jeffrey Dahmer*, is moving to a higher plane. He is planning a book about six saints.

Masters has written more than 20 books, on subjects from Voltaire to dukes and duchesses, but concedes he is best known for his work on mass murderers. His Dahmer book follows *Killing for Company*, the gruesome story of Dennis Nilsen. But he is reluctant to be typecast.

"There will be no more books about serial killers from me. I have thought about writing about saints for a while," he said at the launch of the Dahmer book at Hodder & Stoughton in Bedford Square on Thursday night. "Sainthood is just as interesting as wickedness," says Masters.

"I will do Francis of Assisi and St Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of lost causes. When ever I go there I always put my hand on the tomb." He also proposes to do Lord Longford, "a living saint" who is also known for his keen interest in murderers.

Masters is now hoping to secure a publishing deal for the Dahmer book in the States. He was commissioned to write it by Harold Evans, president of Random House, after writing a 10,000-word article in *Vanity Fair*, which is edited by Evans's wife Tina Brown. But Random House was not happy: "They wanted me to be more judgmental. In short to say that Dahmer was a monster. I am not prepared to do that."

DIARY

● *For some at the General Synod this week, the ordination of women has been spurred along the road to Rome. Others, however, have simply been spurred round the corner to Wippell, the clerical tailor in Westminster, which is now exhibiting a fetching new line of pastel shirts (pink or mint-green) for its new prospective customers.*



Who's where

IT WAS not so much a case of who was at the launch of Lord Blake's biography of Winston Churchill, as who was not. Conspicuously absent from the Reform Club was John Charmley, author of the revisionist tome, *Churchill: The end of the Glory*.

It would have been Daniel in the lion's den. Charmley's unconventional view of Churchill provoked outrage among loyalists such as Baroness Thatcher who was at the reception and would, no doubt, have wasted no time in putting the record straight. In *Churchill*, Blake and his co-author William Louis, have stuck to a traditional perspective of the heroic war leader.

But it wasn't only Charmley who was absent. "That man Alan Clark is definitely not invited," spluttered Louis. Of course Clark, military historian and former Tory MP, was Charmley's most vocal supporter. Blake was more diplomatic about Charmley. "He is a bit of a bounder," he said. A spokeswoman for publishers OUP, happy to have averted another epic Churchillian battle, says: "We thought it more diplomatic not to invite them."

● *To mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's coronation in April, the Guards Museum on Birdcage Walk has collected 4,000 toy soldiers to recreate the coronation procession that travelled the roundabout 5½-mile route from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace. Sixteen thousand other lead soldiers will also be on show, some of them recreating Trooping the Colour and the birthday parade. Just be careful where you put your feet.*

Safer comedy

STEPHEN FRY, author and comedian, returns to his Cambridge *alma mater* tomorrow, as guest of honour at the explicitly titled undergraduate extravaganza, Sexpo '93.

The event, organised by the student union, is part of an Aids Awareness campaign.

"Stephen's going to give a short monologue," says organiser, Rachel Boyd, "and then there'll be a variety of sketches, monologues and revues on sexual relationships."

As for the inevitable medical message, that will be communicated through audience participation. Half of the audience at the Corn Exchange will find a banana under their seat, and the other half will find a condom. At a specified moment, the audience will be shown how the two are brought together. And for this they go to university?

Brought to wheel

Will it or won't it snow in time for the 65 or so mushers gathered in Nairn this weekend for the fifth round of the British husky rally championship. Unseasonally clement weather means that the first four rounds have been contested using wheel-mounted rigs. "We've been praying for snow," says organiser Gillian Bundy, "although it has to be the right kind. If there's too much the dogs flounder around and we can't move from place to place, except in a van. The dogs are not allowed to pull on public roads." Sounds just like British Rail.



Wanted: right kind of snow

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THE WORTH OF JOBS

Britain's economic performance depends on its people

It is tempting for politicians to be cynical about unemployment. The Conservatives won elections in 1983, 1987 and 1991 with close to three million people out of work. Even now that the headline total has surpassed three million, ministers are still confident that the figure will be falling again by the time of the next election; and it is the direction of the trend rather than the total that seems to affect people's votes.

This cynicism is misplaced and wrong. Unemployment ruins people's lives and brings needless waste to the economy. It demands serious thought from right and left. This week, for the first time in over a decade, the left has been singing some of the better tunes. In a wide-ranging speech on the economy, the shadow chancellor Gordon Brown moved beyond the traditional argument of public versus private sector and market versus state to look at the changing relationship of labour and capital.

Following arguments taken from the think-tanks of President Clinton, he argued that, at the start of the industrial revolution, capital was the scarce resource and labour was seen simply as a commodity, with one worker virtually interchangeable with another. Now that money moves internationally at the touch of a computer button, he said, it is capital that has become a global commodity. Thus what marks out one economy from another today is the quantity and quality of its relatively immobile skilled labour and management.

The implications of this change could be radical. Investment is still vital for economic growth, but investment in people — their education and training — will become the crucial determinant of competitiveness. British skill levels, according to the Confederation of British Industry, lag 40 per cent behind the world's best. This country has proportionately fewer youngsters in further and higher education than both South Korea and Taiwan.

Yet the tax system, the benefit system, incentives and grants are all loaded against training and education. Those on benefit are not allowed to spend more than 21 hours a week educating themselves or learning a new skill. Investment incentives and regional grants aim to encourage investment in buildings, plant and equipment, not in people. Companies spend far too little on training, preferring to poach skilled workers from competitors. The result is that when the recovery arrives, it may be strangled by skill shortages, just as it was in the 1980s. Inflation will then rise, and so will imports.

Now is the perfect time to ensure that these bottlenecks do not occur. Those out of work must be encouraged, possibly even compelled, to use their time productively in educating themselves. They may learn specific skills, but they would be better off simply learning how to learn, so that they can adapt to the demands thrown up by a growing economy. Yesterday's finding that 40 per cent of school-leavers going into further education cannot read properly or do simple sums suggests that many of the young unemployed could profitably improve their literacy and numeracy.

Private training is still preferable to public, since it is employers who know best what skills they need. But if tax incentives to companies do not generate the required level of training, a deterrent in the form of a levy to companies who prefer to poach than train should be considered. Meanwhile, young people cannot expect to be paid the going rate to learn a new skill. If they work for a pittance, they should not see this as exploitation or slave labour. They should regard it as an investment in their future, just as if they were at college or university. The skills they are picking up now will enable them to earn more later.

None of these concepts should be abhorrent to a Conservative government. Yet it is Labour that is better articulating them now.

RESCUED FROM EXTINCTION

The time for animal cabaret at the zoo has gone

The relaunch of London Zoo this week should be welcomed by conservationists and taxpayers alike. This apparently obsolete Victorian institution, which has cost the Treasury £30 million since 1980, now plans to seek private funding and concentrate its efforts on conservation rather than showmanship. Slothful management has given way to sharp vision.

The public attitude to zoos is complex. Donations pour in to those that cry for help. Yet attendance has declined dramatically — in London's case, from three million visitors a year in the 1950s, to less than a million. To vote in such different ways with the cheque-book and the feet suggests a popular nervousness about the proper role of zoos.

In its royal charter, the Zoological Society of London is committed to "the advancement of Zoology and Animal Physiology" in the study of its Regent's Park collection of animals: the learned findings are recorded in the *Journal of Zoology* and *International Zoo Yearbook*. But the same magisterial document also calls for "the introduction of new and curious subjects of the Animal Kingdom". London Zoo is as much a showcase for living attractions as it is a serious research institute.

The human desire to peer through the dark glass of Nature at the animal kingdom is ancient, visible in cave paintings, King Solomon's private menagerie and the Chinese emperors' marble deer house built in 1150 BC. The great zoos founded in Vienna, Madrid, Paris and London between 1752 and 1828 democratised a previously aristocratic pleasure, which has since degenerated into banal anthropomorphism. The chimpanzees' tea party and dromedary ride may be no more; but politicians still queue up to shake the hand of visiting Chinese officials consigning another panda to a miserable life in a glass-fronted box.

A modern zoo must be more than a bio-Disneyland. Television has brought the reality of wildlife in all its savage beauty into every home and made the artifice of the zoological theme park redundant. Its prying cameras have been the main contributor to a new, and as yet unfocused, global consciousness of man changing relations with the natural world.

The world is far less sanguine about the confinement of animals than it was when London Zoo was founded in 1828. The pre-Enlightenment belief that man has careless dominion over the beasts dies hard, but the writings of Bentham and Schopenhauer against animal exploitation are gaining intellectual currency. Contemporary philosophers such as Tom Regan and Peter Singer offer a new vision of "animal rights" too puritanical to be enacted. But the appearance of Bentham's slogans against animal suffering in shop windows is not simply faddish.

Zoos will have an essential role to play in the emergence of this new intellectual paradigm, directing their energies towards the conservation of endangered species and away from animal cabaret. Polar bears do not belong in cities, as Glasgow Zoo has already acknowledged. But it is right that zoos should breed in captivity those thousands of species now facing extinction.

Zookeepers must become the ecological auditors of the next century, educating the public along the way. By its imaginative response to this challenge, London Zoo has ensured that it is not yet a dodo.

EARLY AID SAVES LIVES

The lessons of Somalia should now be applied to Somaliland

The United States plugged its finger firmly in the dyke when it initiated Operation Restore Hope to secure food deliveries in Somalia. Soon, however, that finger will be withdrawn. The United Nations, which enjoys little authority in Somalia, will take over and the old chaotic tribal and political rivalries are likely again to dictate the future of this impoverished country.

There have been noticeable improvements in the quality of life since the US troops moved in. But even American officials admit that they are a long way from restoring central authority. Without political reconciliation, all the recent humanitarian gains will be lost in a matter of months.

There is not much that the West can do about this; the rebuilding of society is a matter largely for the Somalis themselves. The best that can be hoped for is a brokered settlement that keeps the warring gangs in check. The lesson that needs to be learnt is of how slowly the West reacted to the Somali crisis. Aid agencies were warning in early 1991 that there should be swift action to save a wrecked country. Nothing happened. By the end of 1991, war was raging and anything resembling civil society had collapsed.

The same mistakes should not be repeated in northwestern Somalia, known as Somaliland. The region declared itself independent soon after the overthrow of Mohammed Siad Barre two years ago. In contrast to the south, Somaliland has built up a durable local administration. It has a coherent central government that is trying to provide services and security. There is no vicious, naked warfare. In short it is still a few steps away from the chaos of the south.

Yet the government has not been recognised by the world community. The United Nations, which traditionally feels more comfortable dealing with internationally recognised authorities, has been providing only a low level of aid to local communities in the north. Somaliland ministers recently appealed to one charity for ballpoint pens; most departments had no writing implements.

There is a strong case for helping Somaliland quickly. Refugees who fled to Ethiopia will soon be returning as the camps there are closed down. As refugees they received reasonable health care and food. But in their old homes they will find no electricity, inadequate water supplies and buildings still ruined by the civil war. That will put a heavy strain on the Somaliland government.

The West can prevent the collapse of authority there by acting now. Britain is naturally wary of involvement since it could risk criticism from other African states of behaving like a neocolonial power seeking to split Somalia to Western advantage. But the merits or demerits of the Somaliland secession are not the issue. The priority must be to prevent the spread of chaos from the south of Somalia to the north. A limited amount of intelligently targeted aid now could head off a disaster later in the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Process of 'folding-in' Britain to the EC social chapter

From Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East (Conservative)

Sir, Your readers will have been heartened by the assurance from Mr Ray Whitney, MP, and six of his colleagues (letter, February 18) that in the event of the notorious amendment 27 being approved by the Commons, it would not mean that the social chapter of Maastricht was foisted on the United Kingdom.

However, their anger should not be directed against *The Times* (leading article, February 17) for maintaining this position, but against a number of government ministers who have been promoting the opinion on TV and elsewhere that the so-called Tory Euro-sceptics would impose the allegedly costly and socialist scheme on their own country.

I am sure that your readers will also welcome the assurance that our constitution is safe because ministers would delete the protocol from our law if Parliament so decides.

However, this apparently important assurance will be rather undermined if, as appears to be the case, the government will nevertheless ratify the Maastricht treaty with the protocol included in the text.

This is not a minor technical issue, because one of the points in the protocol is that UK taxpayers are obliged to pay their share of the administrative costs of the social chapter to which we are not a party.

It would be interesting to know if we will still have to pay this bill if the protocol is not part of UK law but is nevertheless Community law.

Yours faithfully,
TEDDY TAYLOR,
House of Commons.
February 18.

From Mr V. M. Robson

Sir, Is there not a danger that *The Times* itself is becoming obsessive in its antipathy to the Maastricht treaty (leading article, February 17)? After all, it is the policy of all three major political parties, confirmed at a general election less than a year ago, to ratify the treaty, albeit with some qualifications in the case of the Opposition parties.

It is indeed unusual for the majority of politicians of all political shades to adhere broadly to a common line on such a major issue.

Yours faithfully,
V. M. ROBSON,
Westerleigh, Coates,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
February 17.

From Mr George Robertson, MP for Hamilton (Labour)

Sir, Mr Ray Whitney and other Tory MPs had a bit of a cheek in accusing you of "missing the point" on the Maastricht social chapter.

It is Mr Whitney and his government who spectacularly and deliberately miss the point about amendment 27 to the bill, which gives effect to the Maastricht treaty. They know that because of the tight and constricting nature of the bill the only way in which the House of Commons can express its disagreement with the social chapter opt-out is to seek to delete the protocol on social policy from the bill.

If the amendment were carried it would then be simple for the government to go to our EC partners and negotiate the folding-in of Britain to the social chapter. The fact that there will shortly be a brief intergovernmental conference to amend the EC treaties in line with the Edinburgh summit conclusions amply illustrates how uncomplicated the process would be.

The legalities of this issue are now shrouded in the fog of contradictory and questionable opinions, but the political realities are perfectly clear. If the House of Commons votes for amendment 27 it will be a direct, unavoidable verdict on the opt-out.

Should the government then use fine legal technicalities to attempt to wriggle away from the will of Parliament they will earn contempt at home and derision abroad. In addition, by using the royal prerogative to ignore the vote they will seriously undermine the very basis of parliamentary democracy.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE ROBERTSON
(Principal Opposition spokesman on Europe),
House of Commons.
February 18.

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for South Worcestershire (Conservative)

Sir, Ray Whitney and others say: "The European Community is our main market. We can only trade in Europe according to the rules set in Europe".

The UK buys £10 billion worth of goods a year more from the countries of the EEC than she sells to them. We have to make up the difference by selling elsewhere in the world. That is why this country needs to remain part of a system of open world trade to which a fortress Europe attitude is the antithesis.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
February 18.

Doubts about rice for heart health

From Dr Alexander Macnair

Sir, I disagree with Aileen Ballantyne's recommendation of a Chinese diet for Mr Christopher Patten (Body and Mind, February 9). Despite the beautiful simplicity of that thought, it is not cholesterol in the diet which finishes up clogging up the arteries, nor is it the fat.

There are a dozen studies, many going back 20 years, that have attempted to show a relationship in a Western population between the cholesterol or the saturated fatty acids, or the sugar or the salt or whatever else in the diet was fashionable at the time, with blood cholesterol or diabetes or blood pressure or some other risk factor for coronary heart disease. None showed a meaningful association, and most showed no connection whatever between diet and heart disease.

Walter Kempner, from Duke University, North Carolina, published a paper on treating hypertensive vascular disease with a rice and fruit diet in 1948. Although it provided only five grams of fat, no salt and no cholesterol, it still did not lower everybody's cholesterol.

Out of 83 patients in one trial who had normal cholesterol at the start, 22 showed a rise on this diet and in four it became seriously high. When the Medical Research Council in this country tried to confirm Kempner's results they could not persuade anybody to live on rice and fruit.

Even if you can persuade the average person to stick to a low-fat diet it does nothing, in my view, for their risk of having a heart attack. Most people get fat from being inactive; the way to keep the cholesterol and the blood pressure down is to avoid gaining weight by a little regular vigorous activity. Mr Patten's problem is the limo and the yacht, not the diet.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER MACNAIR,
20 Wimpole Street, W1.
February 10.

Buccaneering spirit

From Mr Frank Grenfell

Sir, Mr Noel Falconer's memories (letter, February 15) of pirate-hunting in the South China Sea in the 1960s brought to mind my own grandfather's account of a similar venture just a century earlier, when he was a young lieutenant. He wrote later in a memoir:-

On arrival at Hong Kong I was appointed to the temporary command of one of the old 40 horse power gun boats, and sent away to join another such craft searching for pirates on the coast of the mainland south of Hong Kong. On reporting myself to my chief I asked for information as to how pirates were to be found and recognised.

"Well", said he, "I don't know a pirate from a trader. They are all one or the other as it suits them at the moment. So I steam along the coast until I see a junk or two at anchor, or hauled up on shore. I then let fly a shell over their heads. If the Chinaman stands fast, I consider them good and true. If they run it shows them to have a conscience and I hold them to be pirates, and burn their junks."

My grandfather added that he wondered what the reaction of an English fishing fleet would have been.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GRENFELL,
1 Broadbent House, Willowbrook,
Eton, Windsor, Berkshire.
February 16.

From Captain F. Harrison, RN (retd)

Sir, To go back a little further than Mr Falconer in the history of piracy in the South China Sea, the Commodore, Hong Kong, before the second world war had an anti-piracy officer on his staff.

Coastal shipping and river steamers made routine signals every four hours. If they did not "come up", the Hong Kong duty destroyer (or other handy ship or river gun boat) was dispatched to investigate.

There were some successful rescues, and perhaps more false alarms, but it was an effective deterrent.

Yours faithfully,
F. V. HARRISON,
26 Kennington Palace Court,
Sancroft Street, SE11.
February 15.

Wasteful puzzling

From Mr Brian Trueman

Sir, I am happy to add my support to Mr Wagstaff's view of your increasingly difficult crossword (letter, February 15), despite having completed the last two puzzles in only the time it takes to roast a leg of lamb.

Since it is out of the question that they are getting easier, this can only be because I am even cleverer than I had thought and I now see that only an innate modesty prevents me solving them all.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN TRUEMAN,
172 Bramhall Lane South,
Bramhall, Cheshire.
February 18.

From Mrs Jan Snook

Sir, I too have noticed a difference in the crosswords: can it be the setters are getting younger? After years of struggling with the slang of my parents' generation (words like Snafu), suddenly the solutions are as topical as — well, Mersey beat.

Yours faithfully,
JAN SNOOK,
Mayfield, Linersh Wood Close,
Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.
February 15

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Legal-aid cuts

From the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department

Sir, I must correct Mr Roger Goodier's suggestion (letter, February 17) that personal injury claims pursued on legal aid somehow result in a profit for the government.

Many such cases do succeed, but in legal-aid terms the best result that can be achieved in any single case is that costs are fully recovered. So the best result is neutral to the public purse. Cases which are lost, or where costs are not recovered for some reason, always result in a loss for the legal-aid fund.

Mr Goodier mentions court fees. There is no element of profit in court fees. In fact, they do not fully cover court costs. Insofar as fewer cases may be brought, the loss of court fees will be offset by lower administrative costs.

The Department of Social Security's compensation recovery unit recovers from compensation awards some of any state benefits paid out in the meantime. But people who are receiving the sort of state benefits liable to be recovered will in most cases qualify for legal aid after the changes have been made, as they do now. If they do not, it will be because their total incomes are too high for them to qualify.

Mr Goodier says that "vast numbers of people" will be denied the right to pursue personal injuries claims. That is nonsense. The proposals will make some people at the upper end of the present qualifying limits no longer eligible. Others will have to pay more (though they will of course get the contributions refunded if they are successful and costs are recovered). But 48 per cent of households will continue to be covered by civil legal aid: 21 per cent will be able to get legal aid without paying a contribution; 27 per cent will have to pay a contribution.

Yours etc,
JOHN TAYLOR,
Parliamentary Secretary,
Lord Chancellor's Department,
Trevelyan House,
30 Great Peter Street, SW1.

Museum charges

From Professor Emeritus D. T. Donovan

Sir, The directors of four of the major museums making entrance charges believe that the advantages of charging significantly outweigh the disadvantages (Arts, February 16). They would, wouldn't they? They get more money and fewer people to manage.

How about the increasing number who cannot pay? Our millions of unemployed are unlikely to be able to afford the charges. This is just another example of the socially-divisive policies which we have had from the Conservative government.

There is a temptation for the charging institutions to spend their ill-gotten gains on gimmickry. At the British Museum, the National Gallery and the National Museums of Scotland, for example, which do not charge, one can still see exhibitions which are representative of their collections. Not so at the Natural History Museum, where the cleverness of display techniques overshadows the interest of the material objects.

The museums that charge are just encouraging the government to reduce their grants. This will make it the more difficult to restore fair funding if and when common sense again prevails and all our "public" museums and galleries are once more free to all.

Yours faithfully,
DESMOND DONOVAN
(Honorary Curator, Wells Museum, 1982-5),
52 Willow Road, NW3.
February 17.

Child slavery in India

From Mr Nicholas Colloff

Sir, Your report, "Child slave marchers reach Delhi" (February 16), accurately highlights one of the principal problems thwarting the enforcement of child-labour legislation, namely corruption amongst police, government officials and social workers. As serious, however, is the fact that many children and their families rely on this pitifully low-paid work for their livelihood.

Tackling slave labour requires economic as well as legal measures aimed at providing alternative employment for those entrapped by bonded labour. Boycotts of child-produced goods without such measures might bring human rights to children whilst depriving them of a means of basic survival.

The Opportunity Trust, which creates income opportunities for the poor, has implemented programmes for street children in Bangalore and Nagpur. These focus on education and develop small enterprises to help young people and their families secure a livelihood. Without such help street children may be reduced to destitution by some of the very measures designed to help them.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS COLLOFF
(Director), Opportunity Trust,
103 High Street, Oxford.
February 17.

Timber supply

From the Duke of Somerset

Sir, Timber imports have long since ceased to exercise the minds of bankers and economists. Current thinking is that other, third-world, countries can grow it cheaper whilst we can make a better return on our investment by selling our expertise in such areas as banking and financial services to those self-same countries.

This has encouraged us to overlook the working viability of our countryside and bemoan the state of the world's rain forests whilst we enjoy a high standard of living and produce few of our own basic needs.

Perhaps this is a sustainable way of life, so long as there are others who can shoulder the burden abroad. But surely it is not the way to encourage our children to reconcile conservation and development for the 21st century: it is a self-indulgence we cannot afford to perpetuate.

Of the total world timber trade we import some 14 per cent. With a rising world population, increasing living standards in the third world which in turn will lead to greater consumption in the countries of origin and a decline in fossil fuels, there will be still further pressure on the timber supply.

Most of the timber that we use is softwood, which we can grow in this country as well as any nation in the northern hemisphere and better than most. (We can also grow hardwoods but these are a much more costly and risky undertaking.) No other form of production offers such environmental benefits.

Yours truly,
SOMERSET
(Trustee, The Forestry Trust),
7 Bradley House, Maiden Bradley,
Warminster, Wiltshire.

Student drop-outs

From Mr J. Anstead

Sir, The Audit Commission may well be correct in saying that £330 million is being wasted each year by students in further and higher education who drop out of courses or fail to pass their exams (report, February 11; letters, February 13, 18). However, it is wrong to blame poor advice and/or inadequate monitoring of progress.

In my view as a teacher, financial incentives encourage educational institutions to get as many bodies as possible onto their lists. This leads automatically to higher staff salaries and more money to spend on running the organisation.

Central government should define realistic minimum entry qualifications for every course and pay educational institutions only for qualifying students (though non-qualifiers might pay their own way). The result would be competition to provide the best product.

Yours faithfully,
J. ANSTEAD,
4 Brackenwood, Orton Wistow,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
February 18.

Sauce for ganders

From Mr Anthony D. R. Holland

Sir, In your leading article (February 16) on the last Guinness trial you advocate that such cases would be best dealt with by the appropriate bodies, such as the Securities and Investment Board, empowered with the best deterrents of heavy fines, destruction of reputation, and being excluded from business.

I fully agree and wonder whether the Press Complaints Commission or some similar body should not be granted the same powers in respect of all editors.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HOLLAND,
Windlesham Manor,
Windlesham, Surrey.

Fair game?

From Mr Richard B. L. Fitzwilliams

Sir, The government has made a curious error in backing Manchester to stage the Olympic Games in the year 2000. According to your report (Sport, February 18) this will involve a cost of £2.5 billion, underwritten by the taxpayer.

Why on earth, with so many more appealing alternatives to consider, should this preposterous idea attract any support abroad?

I remember in the 1960s, in Samuel Bronston's colourful epic *55 Days at Peking*, Ava Gardner comforts a wounded young soldier in hospital. Her advice, along the lines of "Go to sleep, soldier, and dream of Manchester", was followed by his instant demise and reportedly by enormous merriment from audiences wise enough to recognise a killing joke.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD B. L. FITZWILLIAMS,
84 North End Road, NW11.
February 18.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 19: His Excellency Señor Luis Dávalos was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Ecuador to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Dr Francisco Carrión Mena (Minister), Captain Jaime Samaniego (Naval Attaché) and Señor Rolando Suárez (Second Secretary).

Señora Dávalos was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, received Major-General David Houston upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment and Major-General Scott Grant upon assuming the appointment.

Mr Donald Lamont (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Montevideo) and Mrs Lamont had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, this afternoon visited the Poolemead Centre, Bath, and was received by Brigadier J.G. Starling (Deputy Lieutenant of Avon).

His Royal Highness, Patron and Honorary Fellow, this evening attended the Triennial Dinner of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duke of York.

Birthdays

The King of Norway celebrates his birthday today.

TODAY: Mr Robert Altman, film director, 68; the Right Rev George Appleton, former Archbishop in Jerusalem, 91; Mr Gordon Brown, MP, 42; Dame Mary Durack, novelist and historian, 80; Miss Ruth Gipps, conductor and composer, 72; Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 53; Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricketer, 44; Sir Owain Jenkins, company director, 86; Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, former director, WRNS, 79; Mr Mike Leigh, dramatist and director, 50; Professor Donald Longmore, cardiac surgeon, 65; Miss Ella Maillart, explorer, 90; Dame Mona Mitchell, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra, 55; Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 42; Mr David O'Dowd, chief constable, Northamptonshire, 51; Sir Frederick Page, former chairman, Aircraft Group, British Aerospace, 76; Dr Valerie Payne, headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 53; Mr Sidney Poitier, actor, 66; Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 67; Professor R.A. Weiss, former director, Insitute of Cancer Research, 53; Lady Wharton, 59.

TOMORROW: Mr Humphry Berkeley, writer and broadcaster, 67; Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, 59; Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist, 78; the Earl of Carlisle, 70; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 56; Sir Colville Deverell, former governor, Mauritius, 86; Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 80; Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 57; Mr Carron Greig, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 68; Sir Michael Grylls, MP, 59; Sir Conrad Heron, civil servant, 77; Sir Reginald Hibbert, diplomat, 71; Sir John McGregor Hill, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 72; Lord Hunter, 80; Mr Peter McEnery, actor, 52; Mr Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, 69; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former vice-chancellor, University of New South Wales, 72; General Sir Robert Pascoe, 61; Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 72; Professor J.H.D. Prescott, principal, Wye College, Kent, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, 66; Professor F.W. Rimmer, former professor of music, 79; Professor Roy Storer, former Dean of Dentistry, Newcastle University, 62; Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 68; Mr L. Wagner, vice-chancellor, University of North London, 20; Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 49.

Edgehill College, Devon

The Governors are pleased to announce the following Scholarships and Exhibitions for September 1993:

9+ Scholarship: Paul Johnson.
9+ Exhibitions: Jasmine Spoerer, Thomas Browning, Joseph Robinson.
11+ Scholarship: Selene Moore.
11+ Music Scholarship: Christopher Richards.
11+ Exhibitions: James Abdey, Natalie Flavell, Lucy Lo-Vel, Emma Tompsett, Gillian Travis.
13+ Scholarships: Samuel Harding, Amy Wright.
13+ Music Scholarship: Georgina Brown.
13+ Art Scholarship: Bertie Young.
13+ Exhibitions: Michelle Chugg, Richard Skeath.

The Royal School, Bath

The Board of Governors of The Royal School, Bath is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Emma McKendrick, currently Deputy Head of the School, as Headmistress of The Royal School in succession to Dr Judith McClure from January 1, 1994. The Board congratulates Dr McClure upon her appointment as Headmistress of St George's School, Edinburgh and thanks her for over six years of distinguished service to The Royal School.

Memorial service

Brigadier Peter Acland

The Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Devon attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Peter Acland held yesterday in Exeter Cathedral.

The Very Rev Richard Eyre, Dean of Exeter, officiated and gave an address. Major-General Sir John Acland and Sir Antony Acland, sons, read the lessons.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Simon Everett, Curate, Wroughton (Bristol): to be Team Vicar, Westcombe Team Ministry (Salisbury).
The Rev Christopher Fletcher, Curate, Tenbury Team Ministry: to be Rector, Bredenbury; Grendon Bishop; Wacton; Edwyn Ralph; Collington; Thornbury; Pencombe; Marston Stannett and Little Cowarne (Hereford).
The Rev Alan Hargrave, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Cambridge: to be Assistant Curate, Fen Ditton, in charge of Holy Cross (Ely).
The Rev Stephen Hoyle, Assistant Curate, St Lawrence, Little Stanmore: to be Assistant Curate, St Peter, London Docks (London).
The Rev Alan Jevons, Team Vicar, Hereford South Wye Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Much Birch; Little Birch; Much Dewchurch; Llanwarne (Hereford).

Appointment

Barry Green to be a Circuit Judge assigned to the South Eastern circuit.

The Mountbatten Festival of Music

The Mountbatten Festival of Music 1993 took place on February 17, 18 and 19 in the Royal Albert Hall. This year the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines have taken the theme of the Big Band Sound, in addition to more traditional Military music. The Royal Marines were honoured that His Excellency Kjell Eliassen, GCMG, Admiral Sir John Kerr, KCB, ADC, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, KCB, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, were our principal guests. The Festival was compered by Mr Desmond Carrington and Miss Susannah Simons. The Mountbatten Festival of Music, in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Service, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charities, provides a continuing tribute to the Admiral of the Fleet, The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, formerly Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines. The Commandant General Royal Marines, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, KCB, OBE, and Lady Beverley were the hosts.

Luncheon

Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors

Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors, 95a Chancery Lane, London, gave a luncheon on Thursday, February 18, 1993, at the Law Society in Honour of Sir James Mancham, KBE, former President of the Seychelles. Others present were:

Lord Mackenzie-Stuart (former president, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg), Lord Wilberforce, Lord Bruce of Donington, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC (former Chairman of the Bar Council of England and Wales 1992), Baroness Flather, Chief Justice R S Pathak (former Chief Justice of India and Judge of the World Court at The Hague), Mr Michael Spicer, MP, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, Mr Michael Knowles, Mr Paul Chow (General Secretary of the Democratic Party of the Seychelles), Mr Geoffrey Berg (Head of the South Asia Department, Department of Trade and Industry), Mr Hugh Adamson (General Secretary of the Bahai's (UK)), Mr Ketan Somaia (chairman, Dolphin International), Ms Joyce Sampson, Mr Liao Xunzhen (representative, China Chamber of International Commerce), Mr Xu Wenhao (People's Insurance Company of China), Ms Mavis D'Souza (editor, Lloyds Law Reports), Mr Myron Belkind (Chief of Bureau, Associated Press), Mr S Gourisaria (general secretary, India League), Mr Ashraf Adamjee (director, Fanar Overseas Ltd), Mr Uday Nayak (chairman, Vincent Westlake and Turner), Mr H M Purohit (assistant general manager, Bank of India), Ms Usha Rathore, Mr J Sacher (editor, Asian Who's Who), Mr Ashok Tandon (Press Trust of India) and Mr Alok Sharma.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v Wales rugby match at Murrayfield at 12.55.



Nature study: the Prince of Wales looks for cochineal insects on a cactus at a centre for study of the insects in Oaxaca on the last day of his five-day visit to Mexico

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Honoré Daumier, artist, Marseilles, 1808; Dame Marie Rambert, founder of the dance company bearing her name, Warsaw, 1888.

DEATHS: Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk, 1855; Sir Hugh Allen, musician, Oxford, 1946; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains, New York, 1961.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Karl Czerny, pianist and composer, Vienna, 1791; John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, composer, St Germain du Val, 1836; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, 1859; Bernard William Griffin, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Birmingham, 1899; W.H. Auden, poet, York, 1907; Sir Douglas Bader, fighter ace, London, 1910.

DEATHS: King James I of Scotland, murdered, Perth, 1437; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1741; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Muslim leader, murdered, New York, 1965; Dame Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina, Panama, 1991.

Marriage

Mr M.W.D. Beddoe and Dr M.M.A. McCabe

The marriage took place on Friday, February 19, in Cambridge, between Martin Beddoe, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Arthur Beddoe, and Mary Margaret McCabe, daughter of the late Mr Edward McCabe and of Mrs Sarah McCabe.

University news

Cambridge

Pembroke College

Professor Sir David Williams and James Crowden have been elected into honorary fellowships.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.J.S. Barrett and Miss K.F. Muir

The engagement is announced between George, son of the late Mr Roland Barrett and of Mrs Barrett, of Rodmell, Lewes, and Katherine, daughter of the late Dr Grainger Muir and of Mrs Muir, of Bedford.

Lieutenant J.M.J. Bennett, PARA, and Miss S-L. Walker

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Bennett, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Sara-Louise, younger daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Walker and of Mrs Doreen Walker, of Tottlebank.

Mr D.H. Goody and Miss A. Murray

The engagement is announced between David Hugh, son of the late Mr H.M. Goody and of Mrs W.S. Cram, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, and Anne, second daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R.L. Murray, of Farnham, Surrey.

Dr E.E. Hodgkin and Miss K.L. Jones

The engagement is announced between Edward Eliot, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard E. Hodgkin, of Lincoln, and Karen Lesley, only daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey E. Jones and of Mrs Margaret Jones, of Kirkella, Hull.

Mr M.F. Ingledow and Miss J.S. Deakin

The engagement is announced between Mark Francis, son of Mr John Ingledow and the late Mrs Mary Ingledow, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Joanna Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Deakin, of The Homestead, Botesdale, Suffolk.

Mr C. Morris and Miss G. Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Charles Morris, of Chichester, and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald Ferguson, of Eastbourne.

Mr M.J. Ranger and Miss L.R. Ashley-Collins

The engagement is announced between Mark James, son of Mr and Mrs G. Ranger, of Shepperton, Middlesex, and Louise Rachael, daughter of Mrs M. Ashley-Collins, of Great Bookham, Surrey.

Mr J.D.H. Steel and Miss F. Robertson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Captain and Mrs John Steel, of Kennington, London, and Fiona, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Robertson, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr J. Swabey and Miss L. Townend

The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Swabey, of Chobham, Surrey, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Townend, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr J.P. Young and Miss C.M. Bankes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs P.A.G. Young, of Topsham, Devon, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J.M. Bankes, of Hinton Ampner, Hampshire.

Dinners

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, was the guest of honour at the triennial dinner held last night at the college hall.

London Old Mountaineers

Mr Guy Horton, President of the Mount Association, presided at the annual dinner of the London Old Mountaineers held last night at the Naval and Military Club. The guests of honour were Sir James Henry and Mr Bill Cash, MP. The Headmaster of Mount St Mary's College attended.

Gardeners' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the Gardeners' Company livery and ladies' dinner held last night at Guildhall. Mr D.E. Dowlen, Master, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr E.M. Upward, Upper Warden, and Mrs Barbara Mills, QC.

City and Guilds College Association

Mr Alec Sandberg, President of the City and Guilds College Association, presided at the annual dinner held on Wednesday at Painters' Hall. The principal speaker was Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, Chief Scientific Adviser to the MOD and Rector-elect of Imperial College.

Among others present were: Sir Richard Morris, Mr Michael Giles, Professor Bruce Sayers, Lord Howie, Mr Roger Dobson, Mr Hugh Woodrow, Mr David Thorpe, Sir Michael Sandberg, Miss Kathleen Dalton, Mr Malcolm Campbell, Dr James Edmond and Dr Michael Rampling.

Church services tomorrow

Seventh Sunday before Easter
Quinquagesima

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch (sung by Poscimur), Collegium Regale (Howells), Salvator mundi (Tallis), Archdeacon of Maidstone; 3.15 E, Responses (Clucas), Collegium Regale (Howells), Justorum animae (Stanford); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Precentor.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch (sung by Wigton Choral Society), Aria (Peeters), Cartmel Service (Hare), He that shall endure to the end (Mendelssohn), Processional (Mathias), Archdeacon Colin Stannard; 3 E (men's voices), Responses (plainsong), Wood in E, Great Lord of lords (Wood), Toccata (Boellmann); 6.30 Night Prayers, Canon Ronald Johns.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Canon Barry Thompson; 11.15 Sung Euch, O Taste and See (Vaughan Williams), Missa Vidi turbam magnam (Allegri), O Quam suavis (Byrd), The Vice Provost; 6 Choral E (sung by The Clerkes of Old Sarum), Salvator Mundi (Tallis), Responses (Smith), Canticles (Causton in G minor), Ne Irascaris (Byrd), Canon Peter Southwell Sander.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum (Stanford in C), Benedictus, Canon Colin Bennetts; 11.30 Choral Euch, Ireland in C, I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Walmisley in D minor, Greater Love (Ireland), Amen (Naylor), Organ: Chorale in A minor (Franck); 6.30 ES (sung by Cathedral Choir), Rev Judy Hunt.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Ireland in F, Wash me throughly (Wesley), Canon Pedley; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Walton), A Litany (Walton), The Precentor; 3.30 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Blessed Jesu, fount of mercy (Dvorak), Organ: Rhapsody No.2 in D flat (Howells).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd), Gloria in excelsis Deo (Darke), Blessed are those servants (Moeran), Very Rev A Warren; 2 Scouts and Guides Joint Founder's Day Service; 3.45 E, Preces (Sumsion), Aston in F, O Lorde, the maker of al thing (Joubert).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Given God thanks for St Martin (Handl), The Canon Treasurer; 4 Choral E, Responses (Stanham), Dyson in D, O be joyful in the Lord (Walton).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Darke in E (Collegium Regale), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), The Dean; 11.15 M, Responses (Leighton), Ireland in F, Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Walker), Canon D J Atkinson; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Sumsion in G, O where shall wisdom be found?, Fantasia and Fugue in G minor.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M and Litany; 8 Holy Euch, The Dean; 9 Parish Euch, The Dean; 11 Sung Euch, Kyrie (Palestrina), Stanford in C and F, God is a spirit (Bennett), Rev S P Kirk; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Sarum Service (Howells), Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow); 6.30 Parish E and Sermon, Canon in Residence.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa L'Hora Passa (Viadana), Wash me throughly (Wesley), O Lord, increase our faith (Loosemore), Canon Martin Kitchen; 3 E, Noble in B minor, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Rev Colin Boswell.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Deacon; 10 Sung Euch, O most merciful (Wood), Sumsion in F, Victum Divine (Hutchings), The Dean; 6 E, Responses (Smith), Weelkes for Trebles, When David heard (Weelkes), The Dean.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Rev P de N Lucas; 11.30 M, Ireland in F, Thou knowest Lord (Purcell); 3 E, Sumsion in A, The Lord is my shepherd (Howells), Preb C T Tookey.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Neary), Britten in C, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Rev Paul Ferguson; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Trinitatis Sanctae (Grier), Set me on a seal (Walton), Messiaen O sacrum convivium, Canon Paul Bates; 3 E, Blair in B minor, Blessed by the God and Father (Wesley), Canon Colin Semper; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 Meditation and music in the style of Taizé, Very Rev Michael Mayne.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; 10.30 SM, Missa Vidi speciosam (Victoria), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), O salutaris hostia (Elgar), Combat de la mort et de la vie (Messiaen); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Bevan), Salve Regina (Poulenc), Prelude et Fugue sur le nome d'Alain (Duruflé).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon John Toy; 11.30 M, Responses (Aylewarde), Stanford in B flat; 4 E, Hylton Stewart in C sharp minor; Te lucis ante terminum (Balfour Gardiner), Canon Raymond Hockley.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Ven J S Davies, Archdeacon; 3.30 Choral E, Smart in B flat, Hide not thou thy face from us (Farrant), Responses (Rose), Wash me throughly (Wesley).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, L'Hora Passa (Viadana), Coelos Ascendit Hodie (Stanford).

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Mass "Assumpta est Maria" (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Sing joyfully (Byrd), The Minister; 6 Music from Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Te Deum (Britten in E), Jubilate (Britten in E flat), Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London; 11.30 HC, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Ubi caritas (Duruflé); 3.15 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Greater love (Ireland), Organ: Prelude and Fugue in G minor (Dupré), Rev David Field, Vice Principal of Oak Hill Theological College.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Canterbury Mass (Piccolo), Wherefore O Father (Bullock), Collegium Regale (Howells), Set me as a seal (Walton), The Provost.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Simile est regnum (Lobo), Be not afraid (Mendelssohn), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, Noble in B minor, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Dr John Stott (All Souls Orchestra); 6.30 Mr Lindsay Brown (Choir Anthem: African Gloria).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa sine nomine (Heredia), Jubilate Deo (Mozart), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, I know that my Redeemer liveth (Handel), Mr John Watherston; 5 E, Organ: Voluntary in A (Stanley).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Try me, O God (Nares), Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr Vincent Hawe, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa ad modum tubae (de Klerk), Ave Regina caelorum (Strazegleri), Cibavit eos (Byrd).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Michael Coates; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Heiligmesse (Haydn), Lauda Sion (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ave verum (Gounod).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC1: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, This is my commandment (Ball), Hide not Thou Thy face from us (Farrant), Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dilwyn Banner.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Bach Vespers, Cantata No.127 "Herr Jesu Christ, wahr' Mensch und Gott" (Bach), Brandenburg Concerto no.4 in G (Bach), Motet "So lasset uns nun nicht schlafen" (Telemann), Rev Simon Everson.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Te Deum (Boyce in A), Turn thee unto me (Boyce), The Rector; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd), Hide not Thou Thy face (Farrant), Rev Antony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Stanford in B flat); Byrd five part Mass, Love one another (Wesley), Organ: Tuba Tune (Reginald Porter-Brown), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Murrill in E, Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood); Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), How dear are thy counsels (Crotch), Rev A T R Goode.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Mass in G (Schubert), Ave Jesu Christi (Philips).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mass in A (Darlow), Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley), The Rector.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa de Angelis, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Organ: Fantasia and Toccata in D minor (Stanford), Rev N Vigers; 6.30 Choral E, Let all the world (Leighton), Organ: Symphonie I (1st mvt Guilmant), Rev S Acland.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Exsultate Deo (Palestrina), Rev Jeremy Caddick.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev John Pridmore; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev Liz Waller.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in C "Spatzenmesse" (Mozart), Canon Peter Pilkington; 6 Solemn E & B; 7 LM.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Darke in A minor, Exultate Deo (Scarlatti), Mrs Jill Elers; 6 E followed by Taizé service.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch and Confirmation, Missa Festiva (Gretchaninoff), O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), The Lord Bishop of London; 6.30 ES with music.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Whitlock in G, Save me, O God (Purcell).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), The Pharisee and the Publican (Schütz), My joy, my life, my crown (Montgomery), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Kodály), Rev Fr Ashley Buck.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Sancta Nicolai (Haydn), Dixit Maria (Hassler), Sancte Deus (Spohr), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 Solemn E & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Sing Joyfully (Byrd), Rev J G Haslam.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Wood in E, My voice shalt thou hear (Tomkins); 3.30 E, Behold how good (Wesley), Shepherd First Service, O Domine Deus (Jeffreys).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch; Missa brevis (Britten), O worship the Lord (Wesley), Ave verum (Poulenc), Fr Richard Oakley.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Cole in E minor), Set me as a seal (Walton), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M and Sermon, Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum (Short Service Byrd), Jubilate, Beata Dei Genitrix (Guerrero).

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Reading), Te Deum Laudamus (Alcock in B flat), Jubilate Deo (Stanford in C), Many waters cannot quench love (Ireland), Organ: Sonata No.1 in F minor (last mvt Mendelssohn).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Come Holy Ghost (Guidetti), Te Deum, Glorious and powerful God (Stanford), Organ: Toccata for Band (Erickson), The Chaplain (Band of The Blues and Royals): 12 HC (said).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, These Are They (Goss), Kyrie (Duruflé), The Chaplain.

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BIRTHS

BAIN - On 28th January in London, to Jane (née Plackett) and Nick, a daughter, Miranda Louise, sister to Charlie.

BROCKET - On February 14th 1993, in Frankfurt, to Jane (née Stringer) and Simon, twins, a son, Thomas James Allison and a daughter, Alice Josephine.

CARFRAE - On 17th February, to Jane (née Gillam) and Martin, a son, Charles Michael Gillam.

FRASER - On February 12th, to Anne and Rupert, a son, Simon Peter James, a brother for Lucy and Alice.

KAYSER - On January 26th 1993 in Singapore, to Jackie (née Greenwood) and Rob, a daughter, Natasha Jane, a sister for Ryan.

STUBBS - On February 18th at The Whittington Hospital, to Anthony and Debbie, a son, Jake Anthony. A brother for Ashlon.

DEATHS

ADDERLEY - On Thursday February 18th, peacefully at Hemplon Field Nursing Home, Chinnor, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Maynard Adderley L.V.O. RA (Retd), aged 85, beloved husband of Jean and much loved brother, father, stepfather and Pum Pum to all. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Chinnor, on Thursday February 25th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent for The Pony Club, Stoneleigh.

ALLEN-JONES - On February 18th, peacefully, Gwenda, twin of John, sister of Adeline and Geoffrey. Thanksgiving Service, Good Shepherd Church, Murray Avenue, Edinburgh, 11 am, Thursday February 25th, followed by cremation. Cut flowers only from Purvis, 4 Rosneath Street (031) 228-4499.

BEARD - On February 18th 1993, after a short illness, Janet Mary aged 83, much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Friday March 5th at 11.30 am. Donations if desired to The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 Kings Road, London SW19 8QN.

BRINDLE-WOOD - Irene peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, on 18th February 1993. Beloved mother of Digby and Gabrielle and grandmother of James, Jolyon and Melanie. Funeral Service at West Lavington Parish Church on Wednesday 24th February at 11 am. Flowers, or donations to the MacMillan Fund may be sent to L.F. Linloti & Son, Funeral Directors, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex.

CLAYDON - Victor George, former Deputy District Auditor, born Beeston, Notts., 1919, died peacefully at home in West Bridgford on February 18th. By his request his body is left for medical research. There will be a remembrance and thanksgiving for his life on Friday February 26th at 2pm at the Friary Church, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. He desired no flowers, but donations towards a blood gas analyser may be made to University of Nottingham, Dept. of Cardiovascular Medicine, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. NG7 2UH.

DAVIES - Ivor William, on 17th February aged 77, at Warren Lodge Nursing Home, Finchampstead, following stroke. Dearly loved husband of Betty. Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Neasden Lane, Willesden, at 2 pm on Tuesday 23rd February. Flowers to The House of Grace, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG11 6DS.

DICKINSON - On 15th February 1993, at Southport, John James aged 86 years, dearly loved son of Margaret and the late John beloved father of Gillian, Jayne and Lynne and loving grandfather of Charlotte and Alistair. Funeral Service and interment at St Peter's Church, Scorton, on Monday 22nd February at 1.30 pm. Enquiries to Stafford Brothers on (0283) 790521.

FORSYTH - On February 18th, after blindness and bereavement, peacefully, Nell, dearly loved father of Lindsay and Alexander, grandfather of Verity, Bryony, Candida, Natalie and Seymour. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

IVENS - On 17th February, peacefully at Dalecare, Newbury, Beby. Much loved mother to Jock, aunt to Walter and grandmother to Amanda and Heather.

LEACOCK - On February 12th peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Sheila Gian, beloved mother of Tim and Louisa and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at St Helen's Church, Little Eversden, nr. Cambridge, on Wednesday February 24th at 2 pm. Flowers to F.W. Cook, 49 Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge.

MASSEY - On February 18th 1993, peacefully at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Frederick (Derick), aged 84 years, very much loved husband of the late Yollande, brother, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium, East Chapel, on Thursday February 25th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The British Red Cross may be sent to A.H. Cheater, Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hants.

McALPINE - On Friday February 19th 1993, Robin, aged 86. Family funeral only.

OH - On 16th February, suddenly in London, Yoet Lin, dearly loved mother of Adeline, Jean and Nolcon and grandmother of Hugh, Minnie, Matthew and Felix. Cremation at Putney Vale on 24th February at 11 am.

PECK - Helen (née Abrahams). After a courageous fight. Passed away peacefully on February 17th 1993. Much loved Wife of Alan and Mummy of Edward. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday February 24th 12 noon at St Giles Church, Northampton, followed by cremation at the Counties Crematorium, Milton. Family flowers only, donations for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent please to B. Hollowell and Son and W. K. Burbidge Funeral Directors, 148 Beech Avenue, Northampton NN3 2JN.

RAE - On February 17th 1993, suddenly at work in London, Ian Robert (née Shaw), dearly loved husband of Wendy, father of Samantha, Philippa and Andrew and son of Muriel Coombes. Funeral arrangements to be announced next week.

WALKER - On February 17th, John Hutchinson peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband of Molly, father of Liz, Jane, Catherine and Anne, father-in-law of Pip, and grandfather of Simon, Andrew and Nicola. Private cremation, thanksgiving service at St Peter's Church, Bishops Waltham, on Thursday 25th February at 3pm. No flowers, donations in lieu to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1st February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £50,000,000.
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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 20th day of February 1993.
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Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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MAURICE BOURGÈS-MAUNOURY

Maurice Bourgès-Maunoury, wartime resistance leader and former prime minister of France, died in Paris on February 10 aged 78. He was born in Luisant, Eure-et-Loire, on August 19, 1914.

IN FRENCH postwar politics, Maurice Bourgès-Maunoury found himself fundamentally at odds with General de Gaulle, who had personally decorated him as he lay wounded in hospital in 1944. And in the end, his addiction to the dream of *Algérie française* was to prove fatal to his prospects when de Gaulle took up the reins of French government for the second time, in 1958, and set out to rid France of that haemorrhaging commitment.

When he became French prime minister in June 1957 Bourgès-Maunoury had, ostensibly, many qualities to fit him for ending the long years of drift under the Fourth Republic. Through his mother he bore a famous military name. He was a much-decorated hero of wartime Resistance. He had held ministerial office in 12 French administrations. At 42 he was the youngest of France's postwar prime ministers. Enthusiasm for his appointment was considerable, even from a foreign press jaded by the charade of ever changing French governments.

That charade and the inbuilt weaknesses of France's postwar political system were in less than four months to put paid to the new prime minister as they had to his predecessors. As de Gaulle was later to recall of the 17 postwar incumbents of the Hôtel de Matignon: "How often, watching them from a distance, struggling with the impossible, had I grieved over this waste! Whatever any of them tried to do, the country and the outside world witnessed the shameful spectacle of 'governments' formed on the basis of compromise, attacked from all sides as soon as they were formed, split asunder by internal discord and dissent, overthrown before long by a vote which more often than not reflected only the impatient appetite of candidates for portfolios." By September 1957, Bourgès-Maunoury, too, was gone, and the Fourth Republic entered the final phase of its death throes.

Maurice Jean-Marie Bourgès was the son of Georges Bourgès and his wife Geneviève Maunoury, whose name Maurice subsequently added to that of his father. In this he associated himself with his maternal grandfather, General Maunoury, who, as commander of the French Sixth Army at the Marne in 1914, had delivered the vital counter-stroke which disrupted the German advance and saved France (and, as early as September, convinced von Moltke that the Germans had lost the war). Maurice Bourgès-Maunoury was educated at the École polytechnique and in 1935 was commissioned into the artillery. As his grandfather had done, he was to fight the Germans in due course, but with very different results. He was captured in the defeat of the French Army in June 1940 and spent a year as a prisoner of war in Germany.

But he was released in 1941 and allowed to return to France. There he joined a resistance group which had close links with British Intelligence, and in due course was taken to England via Spain. He was trained by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and was subsequently parachuted back into France. There, under the codename "Polygone" he became the famed *délégué militaire régional* of the south-eastern region of France. Through sabotage and other forms of disruption his *maquisards* were among the most effective of the Resistance.

From mid-1943, with an Allied invasion of occupied France in prospect, de Gaulle wanted the resistance armies placed under a *délégué militaire national* (DMN), and Bourgès-Maunoury was the original French choice for this post. But his appointment was blocked by the British on account of his age — he was still then under 30 — in spite of his excellent record. Ironically the British did not object to the second French choice as DMN, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, though he was actually six months younger than



Bourgès-Maunoury. (He, too, was to become a French prime minister.)

"Polygone" did not repine. His command continued to be a thorn in the side of the Germans, and in 1944, with French and American forces advancing on Lyons and Grenoble in the wake of the "Anvil" landings in the south of France, he was able to report that his *maquisards* were in total control of all the crucial *départements* of the region. He was subsequently severely wounded and de Gaulle himself pinned the cross of a *Compagnon de la Libération* on him as he lay in hospital.

Immediately after the war he became a regional commissioner for Bordeaux and began his political life when he was elected to the French Assembly as a Radical party deputy for Haute-Garonne in 1946. This, in a sense, ensured that, unlike some of his fellow resisters, who were close to de Gaulle, he remained in spirit a South-Western regional deputy. He served in a succession of governments, beginning as secretary of state for the budget in 1947. He was at various times defence minister, armaments minister, minister of public works, finance minister and minister of the interior.

In 1954 he fell out with Mendès-France over the sluggish progress towards the realisation of the European Defence Community. He was minister of defence during the Suez crisis of 1956 and as such was in charge of France's overall military participation. It was in the Guy Mollet government of 1956-57 that his conviction of the necessity of victory over the Algerian rebels reached its apogee, and he ordered the recall of reservists and the vigorous prosecution of the military campaign.

Ironically, after less than four months as prime minister, he was himself brought down on September 30, 1957, when right-wing hardliners defeated his government's Algerian outline bill. This promised a degree of reform in the territory as part of a political rather than military solution. But such an apparently illogical end to one of his conservative convictions suggested no change of heart on his part, merely the hopelessness of expecting any coherent policy from governments cobbled together from such disparate elements as this one was. In the event the Fourth Republic itself had not long to live. Six months and two prime ministers later it was in the historical dustbin and the figure of de Gaulle bestrode the French political stage.

It was the end for Bourgès-Maunoury. He lost his seat in the Assembly in 1958 and never regained it. He retained his membership of the Radical party and still had some influence in local politics in Haute-Garonne. But his interests were directed mainly to industry and commerce and he held a number of company directorships.

He largely disappeared from public view, but his name surfaced again in 1988 when he sprang to the defence of Maurice Papon, who, as wartime secretary to the Gironde prefecture, was being accused of helping the Germans to round up Jews for deportation to the death camps. Papon had been a Bourgès-Maunoury appointment as Paris prefect of police in the 1950s and the former prime minister declared his utter conviction of his friend's innocence of these crimes. Indeed, he insisted, Papon had rendered valuable service to the Resistance. Few could have been in a better position to know, and with such authoritative testimony on the record, the case against Papon did not prosper. Tough, dark and stocky, with the physique of a rugby half back until well into middle life, Bourgès-Maunoury was not a man to desert a friend in a moment of crisis, even when the hounds of rectitude were in full cry.

In France he was a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, and held the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille de la Résistance, while Britain awarded him the DSO and America made him an Officer of the Legion of Merit. He was twice married; there were two sons of his first marriage and a daughter of the second.

HAROLD TAYLOR

Harold Alexander Taylor, a champion of innovative education in the United States, died in New York on February 9, aged 78. He was born in Toronto on September 28, 1914.

HAROLD Taylor's ideas about higher education were nothing if not unconventional and when he became the youngest college president in America in 1945 at the age of 30, he found an opportunity to put them into practice. The institution concerned was Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers, New York, which was an all-female campus at that time, and one of the most expensive in the country.

Sarah Lawrence, founded in 1928 as America's first college to offer "progressive" education, with no system of required courses, fitted Taylor's style to perfection. He laid down his marker in 1947, when he told a teachers' conference: "This business of knowledge through suffering is rubbish. The whole educational system has become one massive quiz programme with the prizes going to the most enterprising, most repulsively well-informed person — the man with his hand up first."

Under Taylor, Sarah Lawrence gave no grades or report cards. Classes were few and small in size. Instead, students developed their own courses of independent study, in close consultation with professors, and received detailed evaluations. Informality was the rule, with students allowed to wear blue jeans long before they became the norm elsewhere. They governed themselves democratically, and took turns with such chores as waiting at tables and scrubbing floors.

Sarah Lawrence had an almost all-white enrollment when Taylor arrived. He pressed hard for racial integration. And when McCarthyism reared its unattractive head he fought for academic freedom.

Retiring from Sarah Lawrence in 1959, Taylor taught at the New School for Social Research and City University of New York, founded the Centre for International Service at Staten Island College, led the National Committee for Support of the Public Schools, and even became the host of a network television series called *Meet the Professor* for a couple of years. He was later chairman of the Peace Research Institute and National Research Council on Peace Strategy, a human rights adviser to Adlai Stevenson, and a leader of the US Committee on the United Nations University.

His many books included *Students Without Teachers: The Crisis in the University*, published in 1969, which a *New York Times* reviewer described as "a blueprint for radical change in the whole style and purpose of our colleges and universities."

Educated at the University of Toronto, where he gained his bachelor's and master's degrees, Taylor received his PhD from the University of London in 1938, earning his living meanwhile by editing a newspaper on modern jazz and leading an orchestra on board a cruise liner.

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS

Christopher Morris, historian and Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, since 1930, died on February 17 aged 87. He was born on January 24, 1906.

EXCEPT for war work in the Foreign Office between 1940 and 1945, and two sabbatical leaves spent at the Princeton Institute, Christopher Morris taught history at Cambridge for something like forty years. He was at King's even longer, having first arrived there from Haileybury in 1924, and was still enjoying his rooms in college up to the time of his death.

For the university he lectured mainly, prior to 1950, on English history under the Tudors and Stuarts, and afterwards on the history of political thought. In college he could supervise a very wide range of subjects, including some, such as American and Indian history, which he taught himself in middle and later life.

He was a first-rate supervisor, partly because his youthful zest for argument was as lively to the last as in his undergraduate days, still more because of his profound, spontaneous interest in people, not least those he taught. His memory for his old pupils and for his own undergraduate contemporaries was remarkable. The same connoisseurship in humanity helped to make him an excellent examiner, judicious, meticulous and indefatigable, and over and over again he served as chairman. To the surprise of his colleagues, he seemed to like it. He also gave unstinted service to the faculty of history as Seeley Librarian, as well as serving the university as Junior Proctor as long ago as 1938.

But he probably felt most at home within King's. The Political Society there was founded by Oscar Browning for historical discussion in 1876. Christopher Morris succeeded Sir John Clapham as its president and held the office for 30 years. For this, as for the leadership of any discussion group, he was admirably fitted by his gadfly temperament, his love of the provocative, his constant championship of the unorthodox, minority opinion — often left-wing, but often, too, decidedly old-fashioned. Some of the papers with which he opened each session foreshadowed his books: *The Journeys of Celia Fiennes*, which he edited in 1947, *Political Thought in England: Tyndale to Hooker* (1935) and *The Tudors* (1955), which was translated into Italian.

His *Western Political Thought, Plato to Augustine* (1967) was to have been the first of three volumes; but it received shamefully few reviews and nothing like the attention its lively presentation deserved. Disappointment was much assuaged by the invitation to deliver the first A.J. Carlyle Lectures at Oxford in 1975, which were entitled *Survivals and Revivalism in Medieval Political Thought*.

After his retirement from his teaching posts at King's in 1971, he directed studies for Girton College for three years; and he was twice visiting professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz. In 1989 he published *King's College: A Short History*.

Christopher Morris was married in 1933 to the Elizabethan scholar, Helen Soutar. They had one daughter and one son, the former of whom, together with his wife, survives him.



HUGH GORDON PORTEUS

Hugh Gordon Porteus, literary and art critic, died in Cheltenham on January 23 aged 87. He was born in Leeds on January 13, 1906.

HUGH Porteus was one of those writers who gave of his best in conversation rather than in the written word. But that generous best acted as a stimulant to all his friends, young and old, for he was a man of singularly sweet disposition, who failed to make his mark, at least in part, by dint of a lack of ambition extraordinary — and, alas, exemplary — in the literary world. His characterisation of literary and artistic people managed to be shrewdly exact, and therefore valuable, without ever becoming malicious. Thus, he rightly deprecated Ezra Pound's actual knowledge of the Chinese language (on one occasion Pound discussed the merits of a Chinese poem, with Arthur Waley of all people, while holding it upside down), but would not allow that he lacked instructive intuition on the subject of Chinese poetry.

Hugh Gordon Porteus was the son of a factory inspector. Rebelling against his father, he secretly studied Russian and, after a spell at art school at Huddersfield, came to London where he worked, as did so many like him in the interwar years, as an advertising copywriter. He wrote sporadically for the little art and literary magazines of the period, including Julian Symons's *Twentieth Century Verse*. He was peculiarly, and objectively, enlightening on the subject of the fearful and abusive quarrel (amusedly resolved) between Symons and Geoffrey Grigson, who ran the more prestigious *New Verse*.

Porteus's only book of real note appeared in 1932. It was *Wyndham Lewis: A Discursive Exposition*. There have been many books on Lewis since, but this remains one of the liveliest and most enlightening, no doubt in part because, although in general admiring, it refused to treat its iconoclastic subject with any degree of awe. Porteus by no means worshipped the conventions, but he was not going to worship those who openly challenged them, either. His essay "A Man Apart", in a special issue of *Agenda* magazine (1969-70) devoted to Lewis, added greatly to his first book on him.

Porteus served with RAF Signals in the Middle East during the war, and thereafter became a man who, in the words of one of his friends, "might surface in any literary office at about four in the afternoon, hinting at work."

Unfortunately, like Lewis — who for a time he had imitated, right down to cloak and sinister wide hat — he was quite unable to fulfil editors' requirements as to space. Once he got a book to review, he would discuss it at as great a length as he felt it, and he, deserved. It became hopeless, and his opportunities withered and quickly died away. Yet it is not too much to say that, had there been a philanthropic magazine devoted to his "discursive expositions", it would have been altogether more useful and amusing than all the rest put together.

Unlike a certain younger contemporary, Hugh did not charge a fee to "listen to him think"; he might well have done, and it would have been money well spent. He eked out a living by working at the Central Office of Information, and in 1952 — his one conspicuous success — the BBC broadcast an exuberant verse play which was universally admired and enjoyed. His uproarious surreal stories about himself and others were distinguished by the way in which they separated fact from fantasy, so that the listener knew perfectly well which was which, and could revel in them without anxiety. Only those who lacked a sense of humour fared less well with him.

When young he painted a little, wrote the worthy *Background to Chinese Art* (1935), and made some excellent, unpublished, translations from Chinese poetry — he knew Chinese far better than Pound.

Before leaving for the war he had married his longtime companion, the Ukrainian ballet critic Rosenka Bartec. They later separated, but remained friends. Finally, he entered a Sue Ryder home in Cheltenham, where he kept himself alive by enjoying life and entertaining his friends to the very end.

Robert Jacobsen

ROBERT Jacobsen, Danish sculptor, died on January 26 aged 80. He was born in Copenhagen in 1912. His early works were a good deal influenced by German Expressionism. But in mid-career he inclined more towards abstraction.

He had begun his working life as a seaman but throughout his childhood, art was one of his interests. Rodin had been the primary early influence on him, but German Expressionism persuaded him to become a sculptor.

He was self-taught. With his friend the painter and sculptor Henry Heerup he would rove the junk yards of Copenhagen, both men seeking images for their work. At that stage Jacobsen's and Heerup's art had certain affinities. Jacobsen had a predilection for the stark forms of Viking art which consorted well with Heerup's monolithic granite sculptures.

Throughout the 1930s the bulk of Jacobsen's output consisted of wooden carvings, but in 1941 he joined the Danish HOST group, whose leanings were towards surrealism. This led to a series of wood carvings of fabulous beasts. But he also produced more decidedly abstract works — in stone, for the first time.

When he moved to Paris in 1947 he selected metal as his working medium, to produce virile welded sheet steel sculptures. Jacobsen became greatly interested in the nature of mechanical movement and sought to imbue works created from inert fragments of scrap with an inner dynamism. Working sheet steel in its cold state, he left the spectator with a potent sense of the creative processes through which the finished artefact had been wrought out of its chaotic origins.

His celebrated *Dolls* series, which uses mechanical components taken from junkyards, is striking for its humour and for Jacobsen's ability effortlessly to suggest human types with the least human of discarded materials. In a slightly different mode, "Le Crapaud amoureux" in the Stockholm National Museum represents Jacobsen at his most characteristic, in the sheer fantasy of its conception.

Richard Salant

RICHARD Salant, former president of CBS News, died in Fairfield, Connecticut, on February 16 aged 78. He was born in New York on April 14, 1914.

Dick Salant had two bites at the cherry as Head of CBS News in a period notable for the network's dramatic coverage of many historical events: the assassination of President Kennedy, the Apollo 11 moon landing, and the Vietnam war.

He was originally appointed to the job in 1961, but was replaced in 1964 by the distinguished journalist Fred Friendly. Salant spent the next two years in less demanding roles, as special assistant to the president of CBS's parent company, and as a vice-president of corporate affairs.

However, in 1966 the independent-minded Friendly resigned his post in protest against CBS's decision to discontinue live coverage of the hearings on Vietnam which were being conducted by the senate Foreign Relations Committee. Salant was called to the helm again, this time remaining as head of the news organisation until his retirement in 1979.

Among his achievements were the introduction of the popular CBS news magazine *60 Minutes* and the network's morning news programme.

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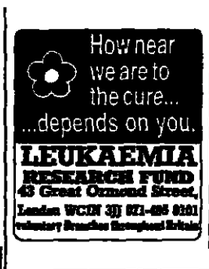
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MOTOR SPEED "RECORD."

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S SUCCESS.

DAYTONA BEACH (Florida), Feb. 19.

Captain Malcolm Campbell set up a world's "record" here to-day, when he achieved a speed of 206.95602 miles an hour in his Napier-Campbell "Blue Bird" motor-car.

The new "record" was established although a heavy gale was blowing. Captain Campbell's maximum speed was 214 miles an hour. He skidded badly at over 210 miles an hour, but recovered and continued his course.

The exact times show that Captain Campbell covered the first mile driving with the wind at 214.797 miles per hour. On his return run against the wind he covered the mile at a speed of 199.667 miles.

It was over the same hard beach course on which Major Segrave last year established his record of 203.79 miles per hour that Captain Campbell to-day drove his racing giant to score another triumph for British engineering. He took a four-mile preliminary run to get up speed before starting on the measured mile on which he was timed, just as Major Segrave had been.

Like Segrave, too, Captain Campbell had a moment of excitement that might easily have ended in disaster. Major Segrave's peril came at a moment during the race when he nearly lost control on account of the terrific speed. Captain Campbell's second of deadly danger came after he had completed the measured mile and won his battle. His huge machine was still going at full speed when it struck a soft bump of sand, and for an instant the driver seemed to lose control. He swerved dangerously at such a tremendous speed that it appeared to the spectator as if he must plunge on to some soft sand dunes which would have undoubtedly meant his death and the destruction of his wonderful car.

The bump which he hit was higher up the beach than he had planned to drive. It threw him half-way out of his seat, and for an instant his feet bounced completely off the brakes and accelerator. His goggles slipped down his face obstructing his vision, but he righted the machine in a moment and it roared on down the course, coming to a stop near the end of the beach four miles away. — *Reuter.*

● From the Reuter message printed above, it may be taken that Captain Malcolm Campbell has created a new world's "record" for the flying kilometre by covering that distance in reverse directions at a mean speed of 206.95602 miles an hour. This mean speed exceeds that put up by Major H.O.D. Segrave in a two-engined Sunbeam car on March 29 last year by over four miles an hour.

Captain Campbell's success may be set to the credit of British sportsmanship, and the British motor industry earns additional laurels. There is particular credit to Captain Campbell in that this successful attempt on the world's "records" was made entirely at his own expense and with no hope of ultimate profit.

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After the first world war Malcolm Campbell and Henry Segrave were competing for the land speed record. Segrave died in 1930 while making an attempt on the water speed record.

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NEWS

'Wise men' warn against tax rises

■ Norman Lamont was warned by his panel of independent economic gurus yesterday not to raise taxes this year, for fear of snuffing out any recovery. The "seven wise men" advise the Chancellor to go for growth rather than worry about inflation, and to do nothing that risks continued recession..Pages 1, 2

Families protected after boys' arrest

■ Two families from Walton, Liverpool, were under police protection last night after the arrest of two boys aged ten in connection with the abduction and murder of James Bulger, 2, a week ago. Merseyside police wished to avoid a repeat of the public disorder that followed arrest of a boy aged 12 in Kirkdale earlier this week.....Pages 1, 6

Peace force

A joint Nato and Russian Balkan peacekeeping force of at least 40,000 soldiers is planned for long-term deployment once the warring factions stop fighting. Sweden is also to be asked to join the force..... Pages 1, 11

Pardons denied

The prime minister has rejected an appeal for posthumous pardons for 307 soldiers executed for cowardice and desertion during the first world war.... Page 1

Test concession

John Patten, the education secretary, tried to avert a teachers' revolt over English tests for 14-year-olds by excluding this summer's results from national school league tables..... Page 5

Homes sell-off

Estate agents predict a flood of properties valued at more than £250,000 on the market soon as the recession breaks homeowners who have so far survived losses from Lloyd's or the collapse of businesses..... Page 3

Major blamed

Opposition leaders accused the prime minister of contempt of Parliament for failing to publish the government's legal advice on the Maastricht treaty..... Page 2

Secrecy attacked

The campaign to shake off Britain's "corrosive disease" of official secrecy gathered pace as MPs backed moves to allow public access to millions of unpublished documents..... Page 9

Rome shake-up

The credibility of the Italian government suffered a further blow after first the finance minister and then the health minister resigned over allegations of corruption and of electoral malpractice..... Page 10

Clinton doubts

President Clinton's recovery package lost some lustre with scrutiny of the figures suggesting that the deficit reduction would be less dramatic than assumed and tax increases would exceed spending cuts..... Page 12

British explorer was close to death

■ Prompt action by Sir Ranulph Fiennes saved British explorer Dr Michael Stroud's life when he drifted towards hypothermia during their record-breaking crossing of Antarctica. Sir Ranulph quickly put up the tent and got Dr Stroud into a warm sleeping bag.....Page 1



Take your partners: in the Vienna Opera House 192 pairs of men and women dance the first waltz at the traditional Opera Ball

DAF deal: 190 Leyland DAF workers in Birmingham have signed away redundancy rights to finish work on a van..... Page 21

Markets: Shares ended a volatile week on a steady note with the FTSE 100 index up 2.3 points at 2840.0 after a calmer session on Wall Street. The pound gained 1½ cents and 2 pfennigs..... Page 24

Cricket: Graeme Hick came to England's rescue after they lost four wickets for 58 runs on the first day of the third Test match against India in Bombay. Hick's 99 not out saw England to 239 for seven at the close of play..... Page 40

Football: The Premier League has announced a four-year sponsorship deal with brewers Bass worth £12 million. From next season the league will be called the FA Carling Premier League..... Page 40

Universal soldier: In extracts from his new book, *The Universe and I*, Timothy Ferris, professor of astronomy at the University of California, offers titbits from the tapas bar of the science world..... Page 1

Holidays: In the first of a regular new section, dip your toes in the waters of the Caribbean from Tobago, or plan a weekend in Warsaw's rich history..... Page 2

Food and drink: Robin Young flips his way through a batch of supermarket pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, and Jane MacQuitty salutes the sudden success of the New Zealand sauvignons..... Pages 4, 5

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Gardening: Penelope Hobhouse describes how she is creating a new garden after Tintinhull, but this time for herself..... Page 10

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Record Reviews: Decca's five new Svyatoslav Richter releases prove to be gems, giving insight into the work of one of the world's greatest pianists. This week's big rock releases see an impressive debut from The Auteurs, taking their inspiration from the Seventies yet boasting a vision comparable with the best music from any decade..... Page 16

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I admire New Yorkers for their eagerness to espouse almost any cause, but sometimes they will go a cause too far. The latest one was launched this week under the slogan "Take a girl to work with you for a day."..... Page 16

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These are the Old Contemptibles of British art, the watercolour lobby ... They have fought off a lifetime's sneers from abstract expressionists. They bunkered down against hails of bricks, scrap metal, pebbles and junk..... Page 16

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The prime minister and leaders of the Opposition are determined to push the British people into a project [Maastrict] they know the people would reject if allowed a say ... This is an unprecedented exercise for a parliamentary democracy and a deplorable one..... Page 16

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African exodus: In *Fine Cut* (BBC2, today, 7.50pm), film-maker Nick Gifford presents a feature-length portrait of a refugee family from Eritrea returning to its homeland after three years in Sudan

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The worth of jobs

Unemployment ruins people's lives and brings needless waste to the economy. It demands serious thought from right and left. This week, for the first time in over a decade, the left has been singing some of the better tunes..... Page 17

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Zookeepers must become the ecological auditors of the next century, educating the public along the way. By its imaginative response to this challenge, London Zoo has ensured it is not yet a dodo.. Page 17

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The West can prevent the collapse of authority in Somaliland by acting now. The priority must be to prevent the spread of chaos from the south of Somalia to the north. A limited amount of intelligently targeted aid now could head off a disaster later..... Page 17

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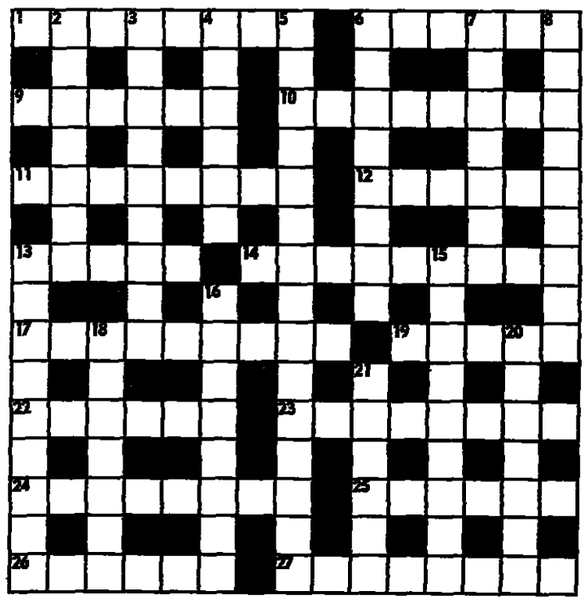
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Driven by necessity, the young Democrat president announced an unprecedented programme to reduce the budget deficit ... The reaction of the United States' main trading partners should be extremely favourable — *Le Monde*

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1 Guide with a good track record (8)
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11 Made a celebrity, as Albert was? (8)
12 Chief officer is holding ridiculous hat for a woman (6)
13 Bone found in wife murder case (5)
14 Not in love? Gosh, on the loose! (5-4)
17 Incur a net deficiency, being indecisive (9)
19 Chap's English, but from a Scottish house (5)
22 Second best comic (6)
23 Bonnie in her youth? (8)
24 The pride men take in spreading mimosa round the church! (8)
25 Knowing about the name in our country for a fawning person (6)
26 One looking to find an English king in a visionary (6)
27 Repellent insect dance (4-4)

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2 Grasp twig (7)
3 Its holder may have a place at court (9)
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7 A sign the river could become inert (7)
8 Chap mounting horse with ease, say, wins the bronze (9)
13 Some of us run all over the place for games of golf (9)
15 It throws light on a dark subject (5,4)
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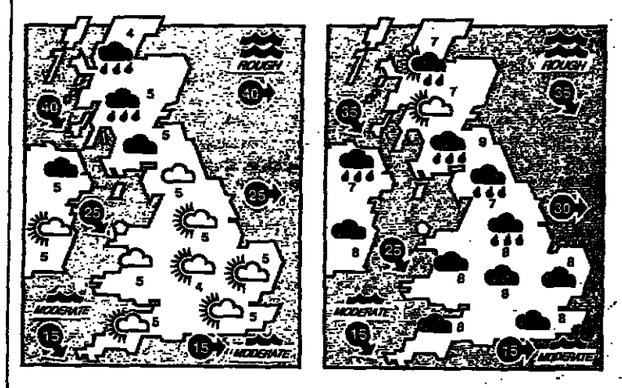
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Ajaccio	12	54	c	Majorca	15	59	s
Alicatti	9	48	t	Malaga	16	61	s
Alex'dria	16	61	s	Malta	13	55	s
Algiers	15	59	t	Melb'rne	30	86	s
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	9	48	f	Miami*	23	73	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Milan	6	43	f
Bangkok	31	88	t	Montreal*	-15	5	f
Barbados*	-	-	-	Moscow	-6	21	s
Barcelna	13	55	s	Munich	4	39	r
Beirut	15	59	s	Nairobi	-	-	-
Belgrade	5	41	s	Naples	12	54	s
Berlin	4	39	r	N Delhi	20	68	s
Bermuda*	19	66	f	N York*	-1	30	f
Biarritz	9	48	c	Nice	12	54	s
Borde'x	9	48	c	Oslo	6	43	f
Brussels	4	39	f	Paris	8	46	c
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B Aires*	28	82	c	Perth (aus)	27	81	s
Cairo	19	66	f	Prague	5	41	f
Cape Tn	33	91	s	Reykjavik	1	34	sl
Chicago*	-11	12	s	Rhodes	12	54	f
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
Cologne	4	39	f	Rio de J	-	-	-
C'hagn	4	39	f	Riyadh	22	72	f
Corfu	11	52	s	Rome	12	54	s
Dublin	8	46	f	Salzburg	4	39	r
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Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Florance	3	37	f	S Paulo*	29	84	f
Frankfurt	6	43	c	Seoul	8	46	s
Funchal	18	64	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
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Gibraltar	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
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Innsbruck	3	37	f	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Istanbul	5	41	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	29	84	f	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Toronto*	-11	12	s
Karachi	27	81	s	Tunis	15	59	c
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Lisbon	14	57	s	Venice	7	45	s
Locarno	7	45	s	Vienna	6	43	c
London	9	48	c	Warsaw	1	34	sl
L Angels*	12	54	r	Wash'ton*	-1	30	s
Luxembg	4	39	c	Wel'ton	17	63	c
Luxor	24	75	s	Zurich	3	37	r
Madrid	13	55	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

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Aberdeen	4.0	-	10	50	bright
Anglesey	0.2	0.05	9	48	rain
Ballard	0.8	0.02	8	46	shower
Birmingham	1.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Bognor Regis	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Bristol	1.5	-	9	48	drizzle
Buxton	-	0.03	7	45	drizzle
Cardiff	1.4	-	9	48	bright
Clacton	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	0.01	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	3.8	-	9	48	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.09	7	45	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Falmouth	0.8	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Glasgow	1.0	0.02	9	48	shower
Guernsey	-	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Jersey	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Kinloss	4.0	0.08	9	48	shower
Leeds	-	-	8	46	rain
Lerwick	0.8	0.17	7	45	snow
Littlehampton	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Liverpool	0.1	0.08	7	45	rain
London	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	8	46	dull
Manchester	-	0.03	9	48	rain
Minehead	0.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Morecambe	-	0.05	8	46	shower
Newcastle	1.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	0.3	0.02	x	x	cloudy
Nottingham	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Penzance	0.8	0.01	10	50	bright
Plymouth	0.2	-	9	48	drizzle
Poole	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Prestwick	0.6	0.02	8	46	rain
Saunton Snd	0.7	0.03	9	48	drizzle
Scarborough	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Scilly Isles	1.8	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Shanklin	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Southend	-	-	9	48	dull
Swanage	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Teignmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	0.2	0.02	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	1.6	0.11	7	45	hail
Torquay	-	-	10	50	bright
Weymouth	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Worthing	-	-	9	48	dull

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Moon sets 5.49 pm
New moon 1.05pm

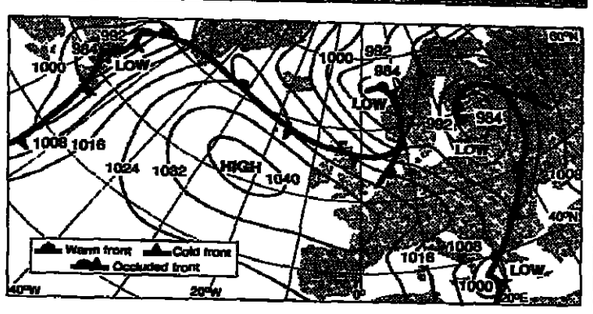
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Penzance 5.49 pm to 7.22 am

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.05 am
Sun sets: 5.28 pm
Moon rises 6.14 am
Moon sets 4.43 pm
New moon tomorrow

London 5.27 pm to 7.01 am
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Manchester 5.31 pm to 7.13 am
Penzance 5.51 pm to 7.20 am

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Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.53	7.83
Germany Dm	2.61	2.31
Greece Dr	338.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	11.68	10.88
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Italy Lira	2375.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	191.00	172.50
Netherlands Gld	2.84	2.61
Norway Kr	10.69	9.89
Portugal Esc	228.30	210.30
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	176.00	163.00
Sweden Kr	11.58	10.78
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
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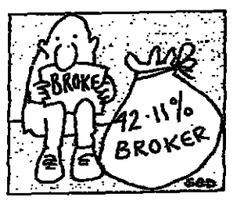
Vera Hawkins is waiting for the courts to decide if she can claim compensation for a home income plan
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Lenders are cutting rates but charging for related services without including them in the total cost
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PENSION PERK



A broker earned a commission of 42.11 per cent or £8,422 for arranging a £20,000 pension
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4555 (+0.0145)
German mark..2.3779 (+0.0214)
Exchange index ..... 77.4 (+0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2840.0 (+2.3)
Dow Jones ....3298.68 (-3.51)*
Nikkei Avge 17010.03 (+27.89)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6¼-6⅛%
US Federal Funds 2¾%*
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Long Bond 7.02%*

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RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 137.9 January (1.7%)
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Wise Men tell ministers to cut borrowing

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ The Seven Wise Men, the Treasury's new independent forecasting panel, say that the Chancellor should avoid any action that would jeopardise recovery

THE government should not raise taxes this year because the risks to the economy remain too great, according to six out of seven members of the Treasury's independent forecasting panel. However, a majority advocate a wait-and-see approach on further interest rate cuts.

In their first report to the Chancellor, published yesterday, the panel emphasise the need to avoid action that would jeopardise recovery. Their average growth forecast for this year is 1.1 per cent, but two members predict 0.5 per cent or less. "Given the length and depth of the recession, another year of flat or declining output would be extremely damaging to the UK economy," the economists say.

The panel say the government should set out a clear strategy in the Budget for making substantial cuts in the public sector borrowing requirement, but should not impose higher taxes this year. Tax increases in future years should depend on clear evidence of a healthy recovery or — in the view of Professor Wynne Godley, of the Cambridge Economic Policy Group — the emergence of balance of payments or other supply-side constraints.

Standing outside the fiscal consensus is Professor Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research, who argues that tax increases should be announced in March to demonstrate the government's commitment to putting public-sector finances on a sustainable path.

Five out of seven members of the panel advocate leaving base rates unchanged at 6 per cent unless the economy weakens further in the next few months or sterling appreciates significantly. Professor Patrick Minford, of Liverpool University, and Gavyn Davies, of Goldman Sachs, argue for further cuts soon. Mr Davies would make them conditional on a strategy for bringing down the PSBR.

The panel advise the government against an early return of sterling to the exchange rate mechanism and say there should be no explicit exchange-rate target at present.

The Seven Wise Men unanimously recommend the government to suspend the full funding rule, under which the PSBR has to be financed entirely by sales of gilt-edged stock to the private sector, excluding banks and building societies. If banks were allowed and encouraged to buy government bonds, the panel argues, bank and building society deposits would increase and encourage renewed lending to the private sector, crucial to recovery.

The report says that a rise in the RPI (excluding mortgages) above its 1 to 4 per cent target range should not be taken on its own as a sign that the government should raise interest rates, "providing it reflects a one-off adjustment of the price level to the lower exchange rate". The panel broadly agrees with the assessment of inflationary trends by the Treasury and the Bank of England. Their average forecast for underlying inflation is 3.9 per cent at the end of this year, falling to 3.5 per cent by the end of 1994. However, they say there is a risk of renewed inflationary pressure once recovery is under way and argue that the government should be prepared to raise interest rates to counter this threat, particularly if pay settlements start to rise.

Growth forecasts vary widely. Andrew Britton, of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, is the most optimistic, predicting growth of 2 per cent. Professor Godley forecasts 0.5 per cent and Professor Minford, only 0.2 per cent.

Their unemployment forecasts are uniformly gloomy. All seven predict that the number out of work will rise further this year; six out of seven believe it will still be above three million at the end of next year.

The seven members of the panel are: Mr Britton; David Currie, of the London Business School; Professor Congdon; Andrew Sentance, of the Confederation of British Industry; Professor Minford; Professor Godley; and Mr Davies.

☐ Sterling had a good day, helped by heavy buying overnight. The trade-weighted index rose from 76.7 to 77.4, buoyed by a rise against the mark from DM2.3565 to DM2.3779. The pound rose from $1.4410 to $1.4555.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Ground control: BA's Robert Ayling has remained calm in the face of turbulence

BA flies in the eye of the storm

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

UNDER a hail of fire from rival airlines on both sides of the Atlantic, Robert Ayling, after only ten days in office as managing director of British Airways, remains calm.

Virgin Atlantic's initial rush for early compensation from BA for damage arising from the "dirty tricks" campaign has slowed. The latest deadline for concluding the "peace talks" between Virgin and BA had been this weekend, but ... now been rolled forward for an unspecified period.

Both sides have maintained strict silence on details of the talks, but it is understood that Mr Ayling feels that BA is not under the same pressure to conclude an early accord as it was when the dialogue was opened last month. Virgin, which has threatened further legal action if it is not satisfied by a deal, wants greater access to Heathrow.

Mr Ayling indicated yesterday that BA is relaxed about the various moves in progress against the airline on both sides of the Atlantic. Air France's request this week for the European Court of First Instance to quash the Commission's ruling allowing BA to take 49.9 per cent of TAT, the French domestic carrier, and its challenge to Brussels' go-ahead to the BA takeover of Dan-Air, are seen as normal background noise in a highly competitive industry.

First indications that the Clinton administration will be tougher on BA than the Bush team, possibly jeopardising BA's stake in USair, are also being treated at BAas part of the normal political turbulence associated with the airline industry in America.

☐ BA has appointed its first woman director. Valerie Scoular, 37, the new head of human resources, has been with the airline since joining as a graduate trainee in the mid-seventies.

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Leyland van team waives rights

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST 200 Leyland DAF workers in Birmingham have signed away possible redundancy rights, so that development of a new van, to be built in France, can be completed.

Administrative receivers to the collapsed Leyland DAF group have contracted to provide staff to finish the new Excel van being jointly developed in Birmingham by Leyland DAF and France's state-controlled Renault group.

To secure the work, 190 engineers, technicians, managers and others involved in the project were asked to sign a letter waiving any claims against Renault. The French company was apparently concerned that they might have had continuity of employment rights under EC legislation. The agreement to maintain the project team, which also includes 50 Renault engineers working in Birmingham, was struck as administrators to DAF, Leyland DAF's Dutch parent, undertook not to declare any redundancies before February 27.

Dutch unions had feared that half the 6,500 workers in Holland and Belgium might be laid off yesterday. But hard bargaining by British banks owed money by the collapsed group appears to be holding up attempts to complete a rescue package sponsored by the Dutch and Belgian governments.

Talks among bankers to enable a New DAF company to be established are expected to continue over the weekend. Leyland DAF receivers and Renault officials are also seeking to complete an agreement on the future of the Excel project in time for an announcement early next week.

Officials from the government's arbitration and conciliation service were called to the Birmingham van plant on Thursday to advise on the disclaimer letters, but declined to become involved.

Shop stewards at the van plant believe the disclaimers have no legal force. But workers on the project, who are committed to finishing the new vehicle, are furious that union objections might jeopardise both completion of their work and the possibility that some members of the team might be hired permanently by Renault.

There appears scant prospect that the van, which was to have been built by Leyland DAF in Birmingham and by Renault at Batilly, in eastern France, will ever go into production in Britain.

According to a letter from Stuart Heys, the Excel project director, to the shop stewards' committee, workers remaining on the project have been offered from three to nine months' work. Final design work is likely to be completed in France. Some jobs may be available in France for British engineers.

The intellectual property rights to the van design are owned by both Renault and Leyland DAF. The French group has held discussions with Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz about replacing Leyland DAF as partner in the project.

To photocopying documents — $6.7m

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

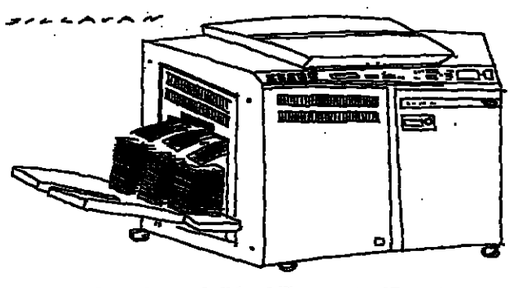
PRICE WATERHOUSE, the accountant, is being criticised for giving the American government what could be the world's largest photocopying bill — for almost $6.7 million.

The accountant's charge relates to an assessment of assets of HomeFed Bank, a collapsed savings and loan association based in San Diego.

Price Waterhouse was working for the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC), a quasi-government agency charged with sorting out the collapsed industry.

Investigators for RTC claim that PW used temporary help to photocopy 10 million documents, but billed RTC at $35 an hour, the cost of full-time staff.

An inspector for RTC said this worked out at 67 cents per page of copying and did not include machine or paper costs. Photocopying can usually be done for 12-15 cents a page.



The RTC later said Price Waterhouse had agreed to cut $4 million from its fee for handling and copying the documents. The firm itself volunteered to adjust the bill.

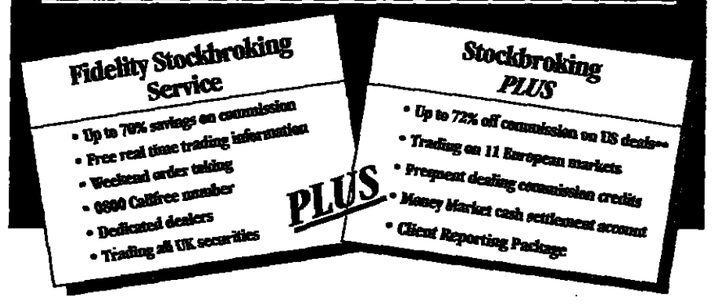
In a statement, Price Waterhouse rejected allegations that the photocopying bill came to 67 cents page, claiming the cost of actually copying the documents was between five and eight cents per page. However, it said because of a Department of Justice subpoena, extraordinary measures were necessary so that copies could be used as legal evidence.

"These included protection against loss or damage, maintaining document control logs, comparison of all copies with originals and maintaining copies in precisely the same order they were kept in the HomePed files."

PW added: "It is important to bear in mind the collapse of HomeFed was the largest S&L failure in American history. Price Waterhouse's role has been to assist the RTC in the sale of the $13 billion S&L's assets to maximise recoveries and limit losses that, in the end, would be borne by the [American] taxpayer."

In a letter on HomeFed cost overruns to Albert Casey, RTC chief executive, Lloyd Bentsen, treasury secretary, said: "Of the total fees of about $100 million, it would appear much of this represents excessive costs and excessive mark-ups by contractors." He has urged Mr Casey to conduct a thorough review of these contracts and take steps to recover excessive payments.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **David Tweedie**

The most hated accountant in Britain — and proud of it

David Tweedie tells **George Sivell** of further surprises in store for the accountancy profession

David Tweedie, 48, sits proudly at his desk in front of a poster heralding the "most hated accountant in Britain", pleased with his efforts so far in reforming Britain's company reports to give a truer and fairer view.

The poster demonstrates the boldness of the chairman of the Accounting Standards Board but provides a Freudian clue as to how the dapper Scot is knocking the accounting profession into shape.

"Publicity is the best weapon," he believes. Through the Financial Reporting Review Panel, a company and its advisers can end up in court if they refuse to reissue the accounts. "No-one has been in court yet," he points out.

"People don't like publicity, don't like being named." He believes statutory regulation of the accounting profession can be avoided. The reform follows the scandals of the late eighties where apparently successful companies collapsed as the first winds of recession exposed fragile accounting practices.

Making it hot, in public, for the auditor, as well as the company, is fundamental to the new regime. Partners of firms hauled up before the FRRP will automatically face a disciplinary panel.

Previously, says Mr Tweedie, "bad accounting drove out good and nothing could be done". As a former technical partner at a large firm of accountants, he should know. Once one firm of accountants had passed a particular accounting wheeze on a client as "a true and fair view", all the client's rivals and their merchant banks would spot it, use it and ask their auditors to approve it. In the absence of a rule book, a weak form of accounting went through the system as an accepted practice.

> 'Accountancy is exciting, so many problems unsolved. Accounts are about real life, they have to reflect reality'

But to administer the necessary shock treatment to the accounting profession, it has been necessary to draft in an apparent outsider. Mr Tweedie was surprised when he was headhunted for the job. "I thought they would go for a more legalistic or conservative accountant." But he is ideally placed to take an outside true and fair view, and says "it is great to be able to fix" the accounting problems.

He has no idea whatsoever what to do when his five-year term finishes in just over two years' time, but has a great love of history, hankers after a return to university, if only just to read, and enjoys hill-walking and gardening. He likes the big jobs in the garden, such as building a new pond, and hates fiddly jobs like weeding. This may also explain the operation of the ASB, where Mr Tweedie paints the big picure and technical director Allan Cook looks at the important details.

His home is in North Berwick, on the North Sea coast outside Edinburgh. He shuttles each week to his London flat, describing himself as "one of what someone once called the presbyterians at the gates".

He was born in Newcastle upon Tyne — "I still look in the papers to see how United have done each week" — grew up there but then moved to Stirling with his Scottish mining engineer father.

"I find that in Northern Britain there is a different attitude. They don't like things that are not right. They are slightly puritanical, apply the smell test. If it smells they don't like it. They believe people should not be misled, people should tell the truth. That is what affects my views on accounting."

Mr Tweedie remains an elder of the Church of Scotland although he says in his present job "I can't really do my bit".

He is capable of adopting a broad view. He believes he should be "careful not to cripple British industry". Politically, he says he is "all over the place". He would appear to have voted for all the main parties. He completed a PhD on incomes policy in Edinburgh, before qualifying as a chartered accountant in Glasgow. Despite being Scottish, he did not vote for the Scottish nationalists, believing their policies would have cost Scotland dear.

He became a technical partner at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock after the Scottish firm he worked for was taken over. He remains a visiting professor at Bristol University.

Mr Tweedie talks with some relish of the coming months, despite encountering a significant challenge earlier this week. He was accused by an Institute of Chartered Accountants-sponsored publication of "skirting around the edges of the major accounting issues". In a review of the reform-driven Accounting Standards Board, the ICA continued, "larger issues, such as the meaning and function of the balance sheet and the treatment of goodwill have not yet been tackled. It could be that the ASB is testing the water before its all-out assault on British financial reporting practice".

His answer to the accusation is characteristically direct and mathematical. "We have tackled so far two of the three main elements in accounts, the profit and loss account and the source and application of funds." Balance sheets are next.

This week he published the exposure draft on off-balance sheet finance. "We will get an awful lot on balance sheets that people did not even know about."

Len Skerratt, one of the editors of the ICA survey, said of Mr Tweedie's task: "It is like a game of scrabble. The first words are easy but it gradually gets harder and at the end it becomes very difficult when you are left with the Zs and Qs. But I can't think of a better person to do it than David Tweedie. He is both a practitioner and an academic."

Next month, Mr Tweedie will hit the investment community with his proposals on valuations. "Balance sheets are a total and utter shambles. Historical valuations and new revaluations are all thrown in together." Reminded that this measure could push some companies into liquidation, Mr Tweedie replies: "Maybe they should be."

But hardly will the howls of anguish over valuations have died down when Mr Tweedie will attack what he calls "the big black hole of British accounting." Rules on accounting for mergers and takeovers are to be tightened to the extent that it will be possible to see just what has happened to an acquisition. Sleights of hand like provisions for future losses will be outlawed. "Let's face it," says Mr Tweedie, "you don't provision for future profits, so why provision for future losses?"

Maybe, says Mr Tweedie, the proposals on leasing will be one of the Qs. He suspects moves on leases will be regarded by the leasing industry as "the end of civilisation as we know it".

His calm satisfaction contrasts markedly with the frenzy among financial analysts as they strive in coming weeks to devise a new marker to replace the old earnings per share figure, used as a fundamental basis for share price ratings and to calculate important measures such as dividend cover.

The old eps figure was so prone to manipulation that Mr Tweedie has focused attention away from the bottom line on to the whole profit and loss account and the various new items it will have to carry.

But by simply stripping out the various abnormal items, the Institute of Investment Management and Research should, Mr Tweedie believes, be able to derive a measure with some ease, likely to be called sustainable earnings.

Mr Tweedie does not think the City realises how important are his attempts to remove the inconsistencies in accounting and his reform of accounting standards. He is delighted by the support he has enjoyed so far from industry and institutional investors. He concludes: "Accountancy is exciting, so many problems not solved. Accounts are about real life, they have to reflect reality."

For those whose daily bread is earned by examining company accounts, reality is likely to prove a refreshing concept.

CHRIS HARRIS



Next stop, "the big black hole of British accounting": David Tweedie is sending shock waves through the industry

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Airtours extends bid after poor response

AIRTOURS, the tour operator, has extended its £220 million hostile takeover offer for Owners Abroad, the rival holiday group, until March 4 after receiving a mere 0.4 per cent of acceptances for the ordinary shares at the second closing date. The tour operator has also only received acceptances representing 1.23 per cent of the preference shares.The predator is blaming the low level of acceptances on uncertainty over whether the bid will be referred by the Office of Fair Trading to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary, is likely to give his verdict next week.

Howard Klein, chairman of Owners Abroad, said: "Shareholders have once again resoundingly rejected the Airtours offers. Since the first closing date, only 0.03 per cent further acceptances have been received. It is clear our shareholders agree that the Airtours offers grossly undervalue Owners Abroad. We continue to urge shareholders to reject them." If the bid is referred, the offer will lapse.

Riva settles for £1m

RIVA, the Bolton supplier of electronic point-of-sale (EPOS) equipment, has finally reached a settlement in the long-running battle over a Riva takeover soured by surprise losses. The deal is worth about £1 million to Riva. In 1989, it paid about £3 million for Hugin Sweda, an Anglo-Swedish maker of EPOS equipment. Later Riva found Hugin Sweda had undiscovered liabilities of more than £10 million. At the same time, Riva was hit by recession and plunged into losses in 1991. The settlement came from KPMG Peat Marwick, Riva's former auditor, and the underwriters for reimbursement indemnity policies covering former directors at Sweda.

Turner declines

TURNER Broadcasting System, which owns the 24-hour news station CNN now under attack from the BBC's World Service Television, saw profits drop 9 per cent last year. Ted Turner, the chairman, said the fall to $78 million was due largely to investment in future programming, which includes the start of a new cartoon channel. Turnover rose 20 per cent to $1.8 billion. Profits were also hit by a $30 million write-off when Turner aborted the attempt to create a "checkout channel" designed specifically for supermarkets. Mr Turner said the channel would have needed too much additional investment to make it work.

Fairfax buoyant

JOHN Fairfax Holdings, the Australian newspaper publisher that was refloated last May after being in receivership, made a net profit of A$36.05 million (£17.25 million) for the half year to December. The group, in which Conrad Black's Telegraph group has a stake, attributed the profits to a rise in advertising and lower debt costs. It confirmed plans to spend A$300 million on a new printing plant in Sydney. Earnings before interest and tax rose by 28.6 per cent to A$88.4 million. There was no comparable net profit figure as Fairfax was still in receivership in the six months to December 1991.

Shares statements

TWO companies yesterday made announcements after a spurt in their shares. Ingham, the Halifax textile company turning into a classic car parts distributor, proposes to issue shares to raise cash if negotiations to buy Moss Europe are successful. Ingham's statement came after a rise in its shares from 85p to 109p in the past few days. The shares eased 2p to 107p on the news. Gresham Telecomputing, the computer services company, says it knows of no reason for a near tripling of its share price since its annual results at the start of the year. The shares eased from a peak of 84p to 79p.

Wheway seeks buyers

WHEWAY, an environmental engineering company, has had talks with "a number" of parties on a possible acquisition of the business. Wheway disclosed this after advising shareholders to take no action for the time being on a £14.3 million all-paper offer from McLeod Russel, the conglomerate. McLeod is offering one of its shares for every ten in Wheway. This values Wheway's shares at 10.2p each. Wheway incurred a £3.5 million loss in the year to October 3. In 1989, its shares were at 140p, but have since slumped.

Pegasus turnround brings share boost

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Pegasus Group, a USM-quoted computer software supplier, firmed 5p to 160p after the board, restructured late last year, claimed the decline in the company's performance has been halted.

Jonathan Hubbard-Ford was appointed chief executive last May, forced to resign in November and reappointed in December after a boardroom coup prompted by institutional investors. SG Warburg was sacked and later reinstated as the company's broker.

Now firmly at the helm, Mr Hubbard-Ford says he feels he has identified the problems plaguing Pegasus and is "quietly confident" on prospects. "We are redefining and refocusing our business, particularly our core products. We have stopped our pan-European operations."

Pegasus, which specialises in accounting software, announced pre-tax profits of £620,000 for the 17 months to end-December, compared with a restated profit of £1.51 million in the previous 12-month period. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced 20.9 per cent to £9 million.

A downturn in software revenues and "ballooning costs" of trying to achieve pan-European expansion resulted in an operating loss of £140,000 in the 17-month period against a profit of £1.61 million in the previous 12 months. The total operating loss stood at £14,000.

Mr Hubbard-Ford reported a "very encouraging" level of advance orders for Version 6, the new version of the group's core Pegasus Senior product, to be launched next month. However, shareholders will see their overall dividend nearly halved, reflecting reinvestment in the core business. A 2p final dividend is recommended, making a total of 9p for the 17 months, against 12.1p. Diluted earnings stood at 7.3p (18.1p) a share.

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Closure threat to Digital plants

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE threat of closure is hanging over two major computer factories that together employ nearly 2,300 workers.

Digital, the loss-making multinational, is thought to be considering closing a plant at either Ayr, in Scotland, or Galway, in the Irish Republic, as part of a review of its operations.

The Ayr factory, with nearly 1,000 workers, started 13 years ago and is the area's biggest employer. Almost 1,300 jobs are at risk at the Irish factory which, with subcontracting work, accounts for about 25 per cent of Galway's total industrial employment.

Scottish interests and the Dublin government have been lobbying hard to save their plants. Sources refused to comment on reports that Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, had been in contact with senior Digital officials in an effort to prevent redundancies in Galway adding to the country's near 20 per cent employment rate.

Digital, which employs more than 100,000 people worldwide, made a £2.8 billion loss last year; it is expected to announce the results of a review of its manufacturing capacity in Europe next week.

The group's other two main European manufacturing centres are in France and Germany. Worldwide, Digital is believed to want to cut its workforce by a quarter, by closing four or five plants.

A Digital spokesman said yesterday: "An announcement will be made sooner rather than later as part of the review of manufacturing capacity in Europe. There have been a load of options on the table."



TONY WHITE

Big bite: Michael Guthrie controlled *Prima Pasta* when he was Mecca chief; now his new company has got the 43 restaurants back

Guthrie buys pizza chain from Rank

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MICHAEL Guthrie, former chairman of Mecca, has bought back the Prima Pasta restaurant chain from Rank Organisation as part of a deal worth £20.25 million, which also includes the Pizza Piazza brand.

The 43 restaurants will be added to the 122 Pizzaland outlets owned by Mr Guthrie's company, Bright Reasons, which were bought for an estimated £20 million from Grand Metropolitan in February 1991.

Bright Reasons was set up in 1990 after Rank's successful bid for Mecca, which then owned Prima Pasta. Yesterday's deal will add about £20 million to the company's current turnover of £50 million.

Bright Reasons will pay £19 million in cash on completion and the balance in October 1994. The acquisition is backed by Mercury Development Capital and Montagu Private Equity, with Samuel Montagu and Bank of Scotland providing debt facilities.

This is the second deal Mr Guthrie has done with Rank. His other company, Pavilion Services, bought 11 motorway service stations from the leisure group for £86 million in December 1991.

Warren Stein, Rank's investor relations manager, said of yesterday's sale: "It is part of our strategy of focusing on a narrower range of activities."

The company had done as much as it could to improve returns in the Prima Pasta restaurants. "The next step was either to acquire a lot more locations or get out. Pizzaland solved the problem by coming along with an attractive and well financed offer."

Rank has come under increasing criticism from analysts for its rising mountain of debt, which stood at just under £1 billion at its year end. Gearing now exceeds 70 per cent.

US declares air wars on BA

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, IN DALLAS

IN dozens of American Airline offices across the United States, huge red, white and blue signs scream "Help defeat BA/USAir".

Below the war cry is a petition every employee is asked to sign, and a leaflet urging a "call to arms" and a letter writing campaign to the White House aimed at forcing President Clinton to halt BA's attempt to buy a stake in the ailing American carrier.

Ed Faberman, vice-president of government affairs for American Airlines, said: "Our people were instrumental in helping us block the BA investment in December by blitzing Washington with more than 100,000 letters. With their help, we can prevent BA and USAir from implementing a proposal that will be just as unfair to US carriers as the original."

By playing on fears of new job losses within the industry and creating a unifying common enemy, American Airlines is joining in a new mood of protectionism now sweeping the loss-making American airline industry. Many airline leaders scent a potential ally in the Clinton administration, which is setting up a 15-man commission to recommend ways to strengthen the sector.

Federico Pena, US transport secretary, said: "The US aviation industry is a barometer of the health of the American economy and a benchmark for our global competitiveness." Faced with total losses of $8 billion over the last three years and huge job losses in both Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, airlines are looking for scapegoats wherever they can find them. Europe and especially BA, which is still making profits, fit the bill.

American Airlines is planning to send back at least 25 of the European-built A300 Airbus jets it operates and fly American-built aircraft instead. Robert Crandall, AA chairman, says the decision was for "purely economic reasons" and not political.

The fresh job losses at Boeing, however, and growing concern in Congress makes the decision to abandon Airbus much more politically acceptable. With newfound optimism, Mr Crandall is putting pressure on Washington to maintain a strict limit on the amount of foreign investment allowed in American airlines.

He said: "Neither investments nor linkage mechanisms should be approved until US carriers are assured of fully equivalent competitive opportunities." These include "to serve our customers with our own employees, to get landing slots for our flights or to sell our computerised reservations systems".

American airlines claim Britain is protectionist. They want unlimited access to Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow airports and Heathrow slots to be taken away from BA and given to them. If the British government fails to agree to these demands, they argue, the bilateral agreement between the two countries should be torn up and the BA/USAir deal outlawed.

Dan-Air case lands EC in court

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE British Airways/Dan-Air debate has been thrown wide open by Air France's decision to take the European Commission to the European Court of Justice for allegedly failing to uphold European community law in allowing the takeover.

The notice in the EC's official journal appeared after the new competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, had apparently closed the dossier on the case by ruling out a separate Belgian complaint about BA's dominance on the Brussels-London route. Adding to the confusion, the French government confirmed that it was still awaiting a reply from Mr Van Miert over specific complaints made by Michel Sapin, the French finance minister, over the Dan-Air case.

The complaints resemble arguments put forward by Bernard Attali, chairman of Air France, but a French official in Brussels stressed that "it is quite wrong to associate the activities of the French republic with those of Air France."

Air France has also charged the commission with failing to uphold EC law in allowing BA's takeover of TAT, the French regional carrier. Both takeovers infuriated M Attali, who felt Sir Leon Brittan, Mr Van Miert's predecessor, was biased towards BA.

☐ World airlines may have made losses totalling $7 billion last year, Pieter Bouw, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines chairman, told an industry symposium.

Edencorp chief attacked by DTI

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Department of Trade and Industry has launched a scathing attack on Michael Wallace, chairman and chief executive of Edencorp Leisure, the club and theme park group which collapsed into receivership in 1991 with £7.8 million debts.

In a report into the affairs of Edencorp, DTI inspectors found that Mr Wallace "withdrew large sums from group companies without the board's knowledge or approval and without regard to the interests of shareholders".

There is unlikely to be any criminal action. The DTI appears to have decided against it, and Touche Ross, the company's administrative receivers, have no powers to turn to the courts to chase funds where no indebtedness has been proved. Under the Insolvency Act 1986, only a liquidator can resort to litigation to recover funds. But a spokesman for Touche said yesterday that since all the assets of Edencorp have been sold, there are not enough funds to be distributed to justify a liquidator.

Edencorp was floated on the Third Market in 1989. Under Mr Wallace it had pursued an aggressive acquisition policy in Portugal and the UK. By autumn 1990, "the company realised too late that its financial position was considerably less stable than believed". Mr Wallace resigned in December 1990 on the grounds of ill-health and the company announced that he had received "substantial, unauthorised and unlawful loans from the company", according to the report. He was reinstated in May 1991, on the platform of introducing fresh capital to the group. But no fresh capital materialised and the company's bankers, led by Standard Chartered, appointed receivers in July. The loans are believed to total over £600,000.

The report also criticised Godfrey Cook, the company's financial director, finding that he was "negligent in carrying out his professional duties".

Packer manager resigns

Kerry Packer, the Australian entrepreneur, has parted company with Al Dunlap, his American managing director, only two years into Mr Dunlap's five-year contract. The American was brought in to restructure Mr Packer's Australian Consolidated Press conglomerate in 1991.

Mr Packer said in a statement that reports of a rift between himself and Mr Dunlap were "incorrect and unwarranted".

Several senior executives have left Consolidated Press in the past two years. Trevor Kennedy resigned as managing director in 1991. He was followed by Don Bourke, the finance director, and Graham Lawrence, the advertising director.

Back in black

United Plantations Africa, with interests ranging from citrus fruits to tobacco, reported a pre-tax profit of 3.19 million rand (£718,000) in 1992, compared with a R4.53 million loss previously. Turnover rose to R37.8 million (R31.4 million). There is a six cent dividend.

Payout passed

Losses at BCE, an amusement centres group, grew from £20,000 to £168,000 in the six months to September. The interim dividend is passed. The snooker manufacturing division, now disposed of, represented £52,000 of the losses.

Lopex rights

Lopex, an advertising and marketing services group, is raising £3.5 million in a rights issue. Investors are being offered shares at 17p on a one-for-one basis; an employee trust is underwriting part of the issue.

Waste contract

Wessex Waste Management, a subsidiary of Wessex Water, has won a £9.8 million a year contract to dispose of Avon's domestic waste.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

US revolution

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Irwin Stelzer – Business Focus, The Sunday Times tomorrow

UB confirms Terry's sell-off discussions

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

UNITED Biscuits, the McVities to KP snacks manufacturer, has confirmed it is in discussions with potential buyers for its Terry's chocolate business, in a move that could leave Cadbury Schweppes as the only large British confectionery manufacturer.

Talks are believed to have been in progress for several weeks, but the sticking point has been price, according to a source close to the company. UB wants around £250 million to reduce its mounting debts, now at £540 million, which have pushed gearing close to 90 per cent. Analysts believe £200 million is a more realistic price for a company making trading profits of about £15 million.

Michael Landymore, a leading food analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "The balance sheet is looking stretched, therefore it is not surprising that UB should be contemplating a major trade sale to restore comfort to the ratios."

Robert Clarke, UB chairman, said there were "several interested parties" although he declined to identify them. Speculation has centred on Philip Morris, the American tobacco giant that owns Jacobs Suchard; Hershey, the largest confectionery company in the US; and Cadbury Schweppes.

One analyst reflected whether Hershey, which recently lost out to Philip Morris in a bid for Freia Marabou, would have "the stomach for another fight". Cadbury could be constrained by the threat of a monopolies' referral.

UB may also use the proceeds to fund more acquisitions, including Royal Brands, a Spanish food company, and possibly Derwent Valley Foods, owner of the Phileas Fogg brand.

Ross Young, the frozen food firm, is cited as another disposal candidate.



Clarke: sticking point

Builder's losses cut to £21m

TRENCHERWOOD, the housebuilder that completed a £64 million debt restructuring in January, reduced its pre-tax loss for the year to October from £38 million to £21 million.

The improvement was made in the second half, with a loss of £5 million in the six months to October against a £16 million deficit last time. The company is not paying a dividend because of a lack of distributable reserves.

Poor trading conditions affected house sales, with only 165 units sold against 306 in 1991. Turnover for the year declined to £19 million from £29 million.

However, John Norgate, chairman of Trencherwood, sees cause for optimism on the residential side and reports a significant increase in reservations since December. The company has a forward land bank of 7,527 plots, of which 1,166 have planning consent.

Trencherwood sold £5 million of commercial property during the year and further sales are planned as the company continues to focus on housebuilding. Richard Brooke, finance director of Trencherwood, said the company's business plan did not depend on asset sales.

Sparks fly over steel pay

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CONFRONTATION is escalating between IG Metall, the German metalworkers' union, and industry over plans for massive cuts in steelmaking capacity and jobs, and attempts to scrap an agreement to bring eastern German pay to western levels.

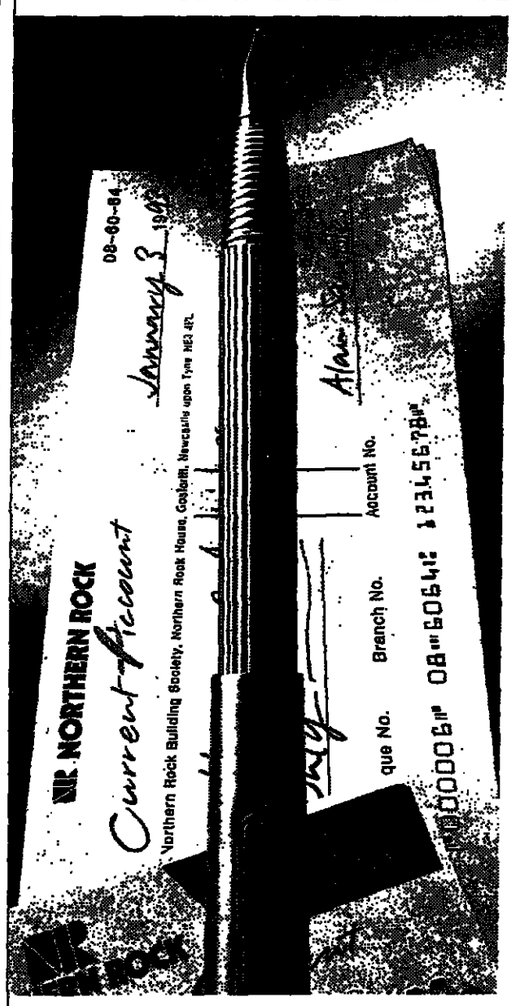
The likelihood of a spring of unrest was increased when arbitration talks over a wage dispute for metalworkers in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt broke down yesterday. Regional employers want to rewrite a pay deal set two years ago, whereby eastern German workers would receive a 26 per cent increase from April as part of the catch-up with the west. Employers have offered 9 per cent, but the union insists the old deal must stand. Breakdown in the pay talks followed a one-day wildcat strike at a steel plant in Siegen, western Germany, and demonstrations by 20,000 steelworkers in the Ruhr, the industrial heartland threatened with plant closures and an explosion in unemployment. IG Metall called for a mass march on Bonn next month to protest against European Commission demands to shed up to 30,000 steel jobs in western Germany and 10,000 in the East as part of an EC-wide restructuring.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl appealed to industry and unions this week to negotiate a downward revision in wage deals in eastern Germany, arguing it was vital to improve the region's devastated economy.

IG Metall said it would urge its members to strike to force employers to honour standing commitments. Union leaders fear any reneging on deals in the East would set a precedent that could herald the end to the consensual industrial relations in the West too.

In seeking voluntary cuts, rather than have them imposed, Thyssen, Germany's biggest steelmaker, has opened talks with its rivals, Krupp-Hoesch and Saarstahl, over co-operation in long products. Thyssen wants to cut 600,000 tonnes' capacity, as is Krupp-Hoesch, which has said it will have to close all its structural steel plants if the talks fail.

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STOCK MARKET

Equities prove their resilience

THE calm mood which followed the annual Society of Investment Analysts' dinner enabled investors to round off a volatile week on a steadier note.

Earlier attention focused on the futures market where dealers squared-up their positions before the expiry of the February series. The FT-SE 100 index, down six points at the start of trading following a volatile overnight performance on Wall Street, ended the session 2.3 points up at 2,840. But despite its violent fluctuations, the fall in the index on the week is just three points, underlining the current resilience of the equity market.

This week's movements have all centred on President Clinton's measures to reduce the massive US budget deficit. Despite the spending cuts being proposed, investors in London are continuing to take an optimistic line on prospects locally.

This optimism was reinforced by the first report from the seven wise men, concluding that another cut in interest rates in order to kick-start the economy should not be ruled out.

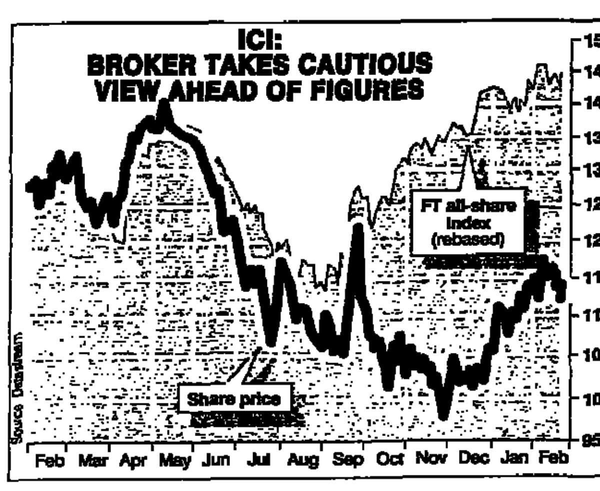
In addition, talk of a major bid emerging continues to bolster sentiment. Yesterday, speculative attention focused on **Blue Circle Industries**, up 9p at 236p, and **Lasmo**, 7p better at 179p.

ICI was a nervous market, falling 20p to £11.18 before full-year figures on Thursday. NatWest Securities, the broker, says the shares are a short-term sell. Ian John, analyst, says the results are likely to reflect the flat trading conditions of the final quarter. There may be an indication of improved trading conditions in the US, but Europe and the UK remain flat.

Mr John is convinced that ICI will proceed with the proposed demerger, but says the group has some unpalatable decisions, including a possible cut in the dividend, to make in order to resolve various problems.

GEC stood out with a rise of 7p to 297p with UBS Phillips & Drew reckoned to have turned bullish on the shares.

Drinks shares made headway with at least one broker believed to be pushing the sector after a period of underperformance. But other brokers take a more cautious view. The drinks companies, particularly those in the South, continue to feel the effects of recession and are seeing their margins squeezed. Brokers also claim that at least one rights issue is being planned in the sector.



But this was all being discounted yesterday as **Allied-Lyons** rose 10p to 608p, **Bass**, 19p to 604p, **Boddington**, 2p to 202p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 1p to 452p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 6p to 433p, **Whitbread 'A'**, 2p to 457p and **Marston Thompson Evershed**, 2p to 238p.

There was little respite for the drug companies which remain worried by health spending cuts in the US. **Glaxo**, which weighed in with some better than expected half-year figures on Thursday, fell 18p to 666p. Reverses were also seen in **Fisons**, 1p to 238p, and **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 11½p to 432p. **Wellcome** resisted the trend with a rise of 18p to 925p. Because of its conservative accounting policy, it is expected to be one of the few companies affected by the US authorities' attempts to get foreign companies to pay more tax.

BICC suffered an early mark-down, touching 335p on whispers that Cazenove, the company's own broker, had cut its profit forecast before figures due out next month. The price later rallied to close 1p firmer at 341p.

Bowater ended 8p lower at 507p after going ex-rights. The group is raising £295 million to help finance the acquisition of Specialty Coatings International.

Airtours, the package holiday group, firmed 1p to 296p, with speculators pinning their hopes on Airtours increasing the terms of its £237 million offer for Owners Abroad, unchanged at 118p.

Rank Organisation firmed 3p to 696p after announcing the disposal of 43 pizza shops for a total of £20.25 million. The stores, trading under the name of Pizza Piazza and Prime Pasta, have been sold to Brightreasons, the Pizzaland group headed by Michael Guthrie, former Mecca chairman.

United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawfords' food group, hardened 2p to 352p. It plans to dispose of its Terry's chocolates business after receiving a number of approaches. Likely buyers for Terry's are thought to include Philip Morris, the giant US food and tobacco group.

The sale of the business could raise as much as £200 million.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
- Allied-Lyons .... 608p (+10p)
- Bass .... 604p (+19p)
- SA Breweries .... 903p (+40p)
- Airtours .... 304p (+9p)
- Euro Disney .... 940p (−25p)
- Br Aerospace .... 262p (+12p)
- Kingfisher .... 576p (+19p)
- Hartstone .... 267p (−16p)
- Fine Art Dev .... 542p (+12p)
- Kode .... 165p (+24p)
- Racal Elect .... 199p (+10p)
- Iceland Frozen .... 680p (+11p)
- Kwik Save .... 819p (+19p)
- Antofagasta .... 863p (+10p)
- Rothmans 'B' .... 619p (+9p)

FALLS:
- HSBC .... 581p (-11p)
- Haynes Pub .... 318p (-20p)
- Ranger .... 348p (-10p)
- Mountview .... 800p (-80p)

Closing Prices Page 33

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities recouped Thursday's losses, helped by growing pressure for another cut in interest rates and a steadier performance by the pound. Sentiment received a boost from the independent panel of seven economists, who said that another cut in interest rates may be required to kick-start the economy. The latest German money supply figures also lent support for a cut by the Bundesbank.

Institutional demand was concentrated on the longer end, where Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose more than £½ to close at £105 3/32, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 added £¼ at £111 13/16.

The Bank supplied further tranches of the new tap, Conversion 9 per cent 2011 C, at £15⅛ partly paid. The next supply level is expected to be £15¼. The long gilt closed 19 ticks up at £103 7/16.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12% 1993	102	-	12.18	5.74
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.63
107	103	Treas 13% 1993	106	-	12.97	5.45
102	96	Treas 8% 1994	102	...	8.27	5.41
110	104	Treas 14% 1994	109	...	13.32	5.46
110	103	Exch 13% 1994	108	...	12.39	5.56
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.48	5.58
110	103	Exch 12% 1994	109	...	11.39	5.65
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	...	8.54	5.64
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	+	10.81	5.82
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.52
109	99	Exch 10% 1995	109	+	9.36	5.94
116	106	Treas 12% 1995	116	+	10.93	6.02
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.64	6.26
125	113	Treas 15% 1996	125	+	12.19	6.41
120	109	Exch 13% 1996	119	+	11.08	6.43
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.99	6.53
122	109	Treas 13% 1997	122	+	10.85	6.70
113	100	Exch 10% 1997	113	+	9.27	6.66
108	94	Treas 8% 1997	107	+	8.11	6.68
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.39	6.92
112	97	Exch 9% 1998	111	+	8.72	6.87
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.68
100	86	Treas 6% 1995-98	100	+	6.72	6.55
137	123	Treas 15% 1998	137	+	11.27	7.22
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.87	7.31
112	97	Treas 9% 1999	111	+	8.54	7.10
123	109	Exch 12% 1999	123	+	9.93	7.39
116	101	Treas 10% 1999	116	+	9.04	7.23
116	100	Conv 10% 1999	115	+	8.88	7.29
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.23	7.24
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.05	7.70
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.80	7.65
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+	10.87	7.29
113	98	Treas 9% 2002	112	+	8.68	7.85
51	46	Treas 8pc 2003	51	+	7.90	7.79
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.78	7.99

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
120	107	Treas 11% 2001-04	120	+	9.53	7.94
72	59	Fund 3% 1999-04	72	-	4.84	7.02
110	96	Conv 9% 2004	110	+	8.64	8.14
109	96	Conv 9% 2005	109	+	8.64	8.17
128	116	Treas 12% 2003-05	128	+	9.60	8.34
99	89	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.06	8.11
122	110	Treas 11% 2003-07	122	+	9.56	8.28
101	89	Treas 8% 2007	101	+	8.34	8.25
136	123	Treas 13% 2004-08	136	+	9.92	8.41
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
105	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.50	8.30
96	85	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.26	8.34
105	93	Conv 9% 2011	105	+	8.57	8.44
105	93	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.56	8.45
73	62	Treas 5% 2008-12	73	+	7.46	8.20
94	81	Treas 7% 2012-15	94	+	8.23	8.32
131	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.10	8.64
102	91	Treas 8% 2017	102	+	8.94	8.52
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	46	...	8.60	...
40	35	War Ln 3%	40	-	8.59	...
63	59	Conv 3%	62	+	5.63	...
30	24	Consols 2%	30	-	8.26	...
29	24	Treas 2%	29	+	8.58	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	...	...	0.73
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	1.39	2.16
108	100	Treas IL 4% 1998	107	...	2.11	2.71
164	139	Treas IL 2% 2001	164	+	2.66	3.04
161	135	Treas IL 2% 2003	160	+	2.86	3.16
109	101	Treas IL 4% 2004	109	+	2.97	3.26
165	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	+	3.09	3.32
149	124	Treas IL 2% 2009	149	+	3.27	3.48
154	129	Treas IL 2% 2011	154	+	3.33	3.52
127	106	Treas IL 2% 2013	127	+	3.40	3.57
135	112	Treas IL 2% 2016	135	+	3.46	3.63
129	107	Treas IL 2% 2020	129	+	3.53	3.67
107	88	Treas IL 2% 2024	107	+	3.55	3.69
107	91	Treas IL 4% 2030	107	+	3.56	3.69

WORLD MARKETS

Wall St unable to hold its advance

New York — Wall Street turned mixed by midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average — down 3.51 points at 3,298.68 — unable to hold on to small gains. The broad market held firm.

"It's strictly a neutral day," said George Pirrone, a senior trader at Dreyfus Corp. "Between the dismal performance of drug industry shares and an excellent performance by technologies and financials, it's a neutral market." Pirrone said that neither Fed chairman Alan Greenspan's praise of President Clinton's economic programme nor the expiration of February futures and options had influenced trading.

□ **Tokyo** — The market ended mixed in thin trade, as late position-squaring helped the Nikkei average recover 27.89 points to 17,010.03, with an estimated 220 million shares traded.

Investors cautiously bought individual issues, unaffected by the stronger yen, but profit-taking pressed the topside, brokers said. The bottom was consolidated with public funds buying. The broader first section Topix index was up 0.94 points to 1,294.06.

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares finished lower, with investors eager to cash in before the weekend, helping to end a nine-day rise in the Hang Seng index despite lingering political optimism, brokers said. The index shed 16.85 points after a day of wide swings, to close the week at 6,170.09.

Big buyers initially pushed the index to a high of 6,268.99 until profit-takers got the upper hand near the close.

□ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 5.13 points higher at 1,677.39. After the close the Bundesbank announced that M3 shrank in January by an annualised rate of 2.3 per cent after an 8.7 per cent rise in December. The Dax rose to 1,683.29 in off-market trading.

□ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed 12.6 down at 1,594.7.

(Reuter)

	Feb 19 midday	Feb 18 close
AMP Inc	55	55
AMR Corp	56	57
Abbott Labs	24	24
Aetna Life	40	40
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	42	42
Albertson's	48	47
Alcan Aluminium	18	19
Alco Standard	40	39
Allied Signal	64	64
Alum Co of Am	70	72
Amax	19	18
Amerada Hess	50	49
Amer Brands	35	35
Amer Cyanamid	47	48
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	24	23
Amer Genl Corp	56	55
Amer Home Pr	57	58
Amer Intl	116	117
Amer Stores	37	37
Amer T & T	53	52
Ameritech	73	73
Amoco	54	52
Anheuser-Busch	55	55
Apple Computer	55	55
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	6
Armstrong Wrld	32	32
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	32	33
Atl Richfield	115	115
Auto Data Pro	54	54
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	57	57
Baker Hughes	22	23
Baltimr Gas & El	25	24
Banc One	51	50
BankAmerica	51	50
Bank of NY	54	57
Bankers Tr NY	67	66
Barnett Banks	43	42
Bausch & Lomb	53	53
Baxter Intl	27	29
Becton Dickson	72	72
Bell Atlantic	54	55
BellSouth	53	54
Black & Decker	15	19
Block (H&R)	40	40
Boeing	37	34
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	24	24
Bristol Myrs Sq	54	56
Browning Ferris	26	26
Burlington Nthn	45	45
CBS	200	201
CNA Financial	91	92
CPC Intl	45	45
CSX	73	72
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	13	13
Cpl Cities ABC	488	488
Cpl Holdings	73	74
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	56	56
Central & SW	31	30
Champion Intl	31	30
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	40	39
Chevron Corp	76	75
Chrysler	38	37
Chubb Corp	89	89
Cigna Corp	61	63
Citicorp	25	24
Clorox	47	44
Coastal Corp	24	25
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	55	57
Columbia Gas	21	21
Commnw Ed	25	26
Compaq Comp	48	47
Comp Ass Int	24	24
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	45	45
Cons Rail	55	56
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	45	44
Dayton Hudson	75	78
Deere	46	46
Delta Air Lines	46	46
Deluxe Corp	41	41
Detroit Edison	35	34
Digital Equip	45	44
Dillard Dept St	46	46
Disney (Walt)	45	45
Dominion Res	41	41
Donnelley (RR)	28	27
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	58	58
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	37	37
Dun & Bradstreet	57	58
Du Pont	46	46
Eastman Kodak	57	50
Eaton Corp	79	79

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Emerson Elec	55	55
Engelhard Corp	40	40
Enron Corp	55	53
Entergy Corp	34	35
Ethyl Corp	27	26
Exxon	62	61
FMC Corp	45	45
FPL Group	36	36
Federal Express	56	56
Fed Nat Mtge	76	75
First Chicago	42	41
First Interstate	51	50
First Union Rlty	11	10
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	43	44
Ford Motor	46	46
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	51	50
Gap Inc Del	33	33
Gen Cinema	34	34
Gen Dynamics	109	111
Gen Electric	82	81
Gen Mills	66	65
Gen Motors	38	38
Gen Reinsurance	119	119
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	67	67
Gillette	54	54
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	46	45
Goodyear Tire	66	67
Grace (W&R)	37	37
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	17	16
Halliburton	34	33
Heinz (HJ)	41	41
Hercules	67	68
Hershey Foods	51	50
Hewlett Packard	73	73
Hilton Hotels	44	44
Home Depot	62	61
Homestake	12	12
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	62	62
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	18	19
ITT Corp	74	74
Illinois Tool	70	70
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	32	31
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	111	110
IBM	50	50
Intl Flav & Fr	106	105
Intl Paper	63	63
James River Va	18	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41	41
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	60	60
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	55	55
Knight-Ridder	60	60
Lilly (Eli)	50	51
Limited Inc	24	24
LIN Brdcstng	81	81
Lincoln Nat	72	71
Litton	49	49
Liz Claiborne	34	34
Lockheed Corp	55	54
Louisiana Pac	72	71
MCI Commun	38	37
Marriott	23	23
Marsh & McLnn	91	91
Martin Marietta	64	64
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	67	68
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	32	32
McDonalds	48	48
McDonnell D	51	50
McGraw Hill	58	59
Mead Corp	41	41
Medtronic	78	81
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	47	47
Merck Inc	36	37
Merrill Lynch	63	63
Minnesota Mine	103	103
Mobil Corp	64	64
Monsanto	51	52
Morgan (JP)	61	61
Motorola Inc	56	55
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	10	10
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	34	34
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	39	39
Niag Mohawk	21	20
Nike B	71	71
NL Industries	5	4
Nordstrom	36	37
Norfolk Sthrn	63	63
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	47	43
Nynex Corp	87	87
Occidental Pet	19	19
Ohio Edison	24	24

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Oracle Systems	30	29
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
PNC Financial	30	29
PPG Industries	64	64
Paccar Inc	59	58
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	45	45
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	20	19
Paramnt Comm	46	46
Parker Hannifin	31	31
Penney (JC)	73	74
Pennzoil	53	55
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	56	59
Phelps Dodge	51	51
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	69	70
Phillips Pet	26	28
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	27	27
Price Co	33	33
Primerica	54	53
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	64	65
Ralston Purina	48	48
Raychem Corp	41	41
Raytheon	51	51
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	52	53
Roadway Srvcs	68	67
Rockwell Intl	39	38
Rohm & Haas	58	58
Royal Dutch	84	83
Rubbermaid	31	30
Safeco Corp	60	60
St Paul's Cos	80	80
Salomon Inc	40	39
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Scecorp	47	47
Schering Plough	55	56
Schlumberger	57	58
Scott Paper	36	37
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	51	51
Shell Trans	51	51
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	20	20
Snap-On-Tools	32	32
Southern Co	39	39
Sthwestern Bell	71	71
Sprint Corp	27	26
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	44	43
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	24	24
TRW Inc	57	56
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	25	25
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	21	19
Temple Inland	48	48
Tenneco	42	45
Texaco	61	60
Texas Inst	54	55
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	43	42
Time Warner	33	33
Times-Mirror	32	31
Timken	29	28
Torchmark	61	61
Toys R Us	39	38
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	28	25
Tribune	51	50
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	115	115
UST Inc	29	29
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	106	106
Union Camp	45	48
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	57	57
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	14	13
US Life	39	39
US West	41	41
United Tech	44	44
Unocal Corp	25	25
Upjohn	26	26
VF Corp	49	48
Wal-Mart Stores	61	62
Warner-Lambert	63	64
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35	36
Wells Fargo	92	90
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	41
Whirlpool	47	48
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	75	75
Woolworth	27	27
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	29	29
Xerox	87	82

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	64	+1
Mauritius Fund ($10¼)	717	...
Merlin Intl Green Units	93	...
Motor World (210)	263	-5
New City & Comm Inv Tst	87	...
New City & Comm Wts	19	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Bellway n/p (320)	61	-1
Bowater Units n/p (440)	95	...
Commercial Union n/p (490)	76	-7
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
PizzaExpress n/p (40)	39	-1
Property Trust 10p (25)	23	...
SelecTV n/p (17)	4	...
Volex n/p (345)	66	+10
Whessoe n/p (260)	65	-2

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	372.40	394.10	+1.50	...
Series Equity	469.60	497.00	+3.20	...
Series Prop Fd	385.60	408.10	-0.10	...
Series Fixed Int	306.30	324.20	+2.70	...
Series Money Fd	236.60	250.40	-0.30	...
Series Oseas Fd	263.10	278.50	-1.80	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.94	17.84	+0.02	...
Bear	17.63	18.56	-0.09	...
Owl	17.18	18.09	-0.03	...
Bull	15.61	16.44	-0.10	...
Stag	16.18	17.04	-0.18	...
Gilt Edged	17.49	17.49	+0.13	...
Deposit	14.97	14.97	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.46	23.65	+0.02	...
Bear	23.22	24.45	+0.15	...
Owl	22.49	23.68	+0.05	...
Bull	19.37	20.39	-0.16	...
Stag	19.45	20.48	-0.23	...
Gilt Edged	21.29	21.29	+0.18	...
Deposit	18.88	18.88	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	493.48	493.49	+3.45	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	294.55	310.06	+3.48	...
N Amer Equity	277.04	291.63	-15.03	...
Far East Equity	336.14	353.84	-2.55	...
Fixed	273.26	287.65	+2.28	...
Cash Deposit	192.17	202.29	-0.16	...
Property	95.33	100.35	-0.67	...
Special Opp	297.54	313.21	+4.31	...
Managed	260.10	273.79	+0.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	181.09	190.63	+0.84	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.70	263.90	...	...
-do- Acc	441.30	464.60	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	153.00	161.10	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	193.40	203.60	+2.40	...
Selective Fd	429.70	452.40	+2.90	...
Money Fd	351.50	370.00	+0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	344.70	362.90	...	...
Equity Ser 4	190.50	200.60	+1.90	...
Man Ser 4	564.50	598.50	+1.20	...
Conv Ser 4	308.60	324.90	+0.30	...
Money Ser 4	308.30	324.60	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	317.30	334.10	+3.20	...
American Ser 4	468.50	493.20	-30.80	...
High Inc Ser 4	574.40	604.70	+3.70	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	193.80	204.00	+0.80	...
Japan Ser 4	281.90	296.80	-1.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1352.8	1423.9	+9.60	...
European Fd Acc	305.50	321.50	-1.00	...
Fixed Int Acc	485.40	510.90	+7.70	...
Gtd Money Acc	315.20	331.70	+0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	500.70	527.00	-4.70	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	318.30	335.00	-0.20	...
Japan Fund	238.40	250.90	+2.00	...
N American Acc	302.30	318.20	-12.10	...
Prop Fd Acc	369.70	389.10	+0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	908.40	956.10	+1.30	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	351.00	369.50	-0.30	...
Equity Acc	1195.9	1258.9	-3.50	...
Property Acc	463.10	487.50	-0.50	...
Far East Acc	233.80	246.20	-1.20	...
Managed Capital	468.40	493.10	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	923.60	972.30	-1.90	...
Overseas Acc	819.50	862.70	+2.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	430.10	452.80	+3.00	...
Amer Equity Acc	699.90	736.80	-32.80	...
Amer Man Acc	302.60	318.60	-13.60	...
Amer Prop Acc	121.20	127.60	-2.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.30	142.40	+0.30	...
Balced Ser 5	603.60	635.30	-5.00	...
Opportunity Ser 5	133.70	140.70	-2.50	...
UK Equities Ser 5	823.50	866.80	+0.10	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	853.30	899.20	+2.20	...
North Amer Ser 5	429.30	451.80	-33.90	...
Far East Ser 5	429.40	452.00	-1.90	...
Europe Ser 5	298.40	314.10	-2.00	...
Intnl Ser 5	483.50	508.90	-14.00	...
Property Ser 5	470.80	495.50	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	384.50	404.70	+2.80	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	169.10	178.00	+0.90	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	278.60	293.20	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	717.40	755.20	+4.60	...
-do- Initial	505.40	532.00	+3.20	...
Gilt Edged Acc	356.50	375.30	+4.10	...
-do- Initial	253.30	266.70	+2.90	...
International Acc	335.70	353.40	-5.20	...
-do- Initial	237.00	249.50	-3.70	...
Managed Acc	449.30	473.00	+0.50	...
-do- Initial	317.70	334.50	+0.30	...
Money Acc	274.60	289.10	+0.30	...
Property Acc	252.70	266.10	+0.30	...
-do- Initial	177.30	186.70	...	...
America Acc	260.30	274.10	-15.00	...
Australia Acc	172.70	181.80	-1.50	...
Financial Acc	252.60	265.90	+2.30	...
500 Accum	373.20	392.90	+3.20	...
Japan Genl Acc	285.90	301.00	-1.10	...
Income Acc	440.50	463.70	+4.40	...
Leisure Acc	189.70	199.70	+2.80	...
Special Sits Acc	187.60	197.50	+2.80	...
Univ Tech Acc	123.40	129.90	-3.00	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	690.05	690.05	-0.62	...
Income Fund	655.38	689.88	+1.38	...
Extra Income	602.77	634.50	+1.17	...
Worldwide Gth	427.12	449.60	-5.92	...
Balanced Fund	579.67	610.18	+3.44	...
Smllr Cos Recov	581.99	612.63	+3.18	...
N Amer & Genrl	357.65	376.48	-17.63	...
Pacific Basin	335.17	352.82	+2.65	...
German Growth	196.02	206.34	+2.17	...
Japan Growth	133.76	140.80	+0.05	...
The UK Gth Fd	185.37	195.13	+0.67	...
Cont Euro Gth	106.52	112.13	-0.53	...
Property Fund	339.54	357.42	+0.32	...
Fixed Interest	288.72	303.92	+3.05	...
Cash Fund	267.50	281.58	+0.20	...
Managed Inv	423.81	446.12	-0.56	...
Nth Amer Recov	228.76	240.80	-9.67	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	388.62	409.08	+3.21	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	136.70	144.70	+0.30	...
Performance Plus	133.20	140.90	-0.20	...
With Profit Perf	156.60	165.70	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	156.80	165.90	+0.20	...
Euro Opportunity	169.20	179.00	+1.30	...
North Amer Opp	134.30	142.10	-5.30	...
Far East Opp	143.90	152.30	+2.20	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	151.50	159.50	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.20	156.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	164.20	173.80	+2.90	...
Cash	147.60	156.20	+0.10	...
Overseas	155.30	164.30	-2.00	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£241.00	...	...	...
Managed	276.60	291.20	+0.90	...
Property	191.60	201.80	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	217.80	229.30	+2.90	...
Index-Linked	176.50	185.80	-0.20	...
Equity	304.70	320.80	+3.80	...
Cash	206.50	217.50	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	299.10	314.90	+0.70	...
CLife Intl Fd	301.10	317.00	-6.30	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£115.60	...	+0.30	...
Property Units	£25.03	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£57.59	£60.94	-0.54	...
2nd Equity Acc	561.40	594.10	+1.40	...
2nd High Inc Ac	537.50	568.80	+3.40	...
2nd Property Acc	230.00	243.40	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	167.30	177.00	-0.80	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	405.00	428.60	-3.60	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	195.60	207.00	-2.60	...
2nd Deposit Acc	265.40	280.80	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	271.10	286.90	+1.00	...
2nd Amer Acc	588.90	623.20	-47.00	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	253.00	267.70	-3.00	...
2nd Index Acc	178.90	189.30	-0.90	...
2nd Far East Acc	353.50	374.10	+0.60	...
2nd Global Acc	157.50	166.70	-5.00	...
2nd Euro Acc	133.80	141.60	+1.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	170.10	180.00	-0.30	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	...	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	155.10	164.10	-1.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	111.40	117.90	+1.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	183.20	192.90	...	...
Managed Fund	527.90	555.70	+1.70	...
Equity Fund	298.30	314.00	+0.60	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	242.80	255.60	-0.10	...
Ruby	132.10	139.10	-1.50	...
Emerald	131.60	138.60	+1.20	...
Equity	283.90	298.90	+2.50	...
Property	176.80	186.20	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	188.90	198.90	+3.00	...
Indexed Secs	153.70	161.80	+1.40	...
Cash	176.30	185.60	+0.10	...
Nth American	201.10	211.70	-10.30	...
Far East	230.50	242.70	-1.40	...
International	186.10	195.90	-2.70	...
Special Sits	252.20	265.50	+3.80	...
Intl Income	249.10	262.30	-0.20	...
American Inc	170.00	179.00	-8.60	...
European	243.40	256.30	-1.50	...
Japanese	112.30	118.30	-0.60	...
SE Asia	260.40	274.20	+0.30	...
With Profits Reg	144.10	151.70	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	144.10	151.70	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	262.70	276.60	-0.90	...
Equity	319.70	336.60	+0.70	...
Property	171.30	180.40	+0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	224.30	236.10	+3.40	...
Index Linked	161.80	170.40	-1.20	...
Cash	229.10	241.20	+0.30	...
Nth American	242.30	255.10	-15.40	...
Far East Acc	236.20	248.70	-0.70	...
International Acc	334.80	347.20	-4.30	...
Special Sits	374.30	394.10	+4.70	...
European Flex	318.80	335.70	-2.30	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
(Unitskey)	£190.63	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£272.19	...	...	...
-do- Cash	193.76	203.96	+0.31	...
-do- Equity	447.31	470.85	-1.07	...
-do- Fxd Int	332.87	350.39	+4.03	...
-do- Managed	329.06	346.38	+0.53	...
-do- Property	219.13	230.66	-2.11	...
(Pensh Cash Cap	204.37	215.14	+0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	280.98	295.78	+0.30	...
-do- Equity Cap	1231.4	1296.2	-1.72	...
-do- Equity Inv	1692.9	1782.0	-1.18	...
-do- Fixed Cap	368.88	388.31	+6.01	...
-do- Fixed Inv	507.15	533.85	+8.62	...
-do- Index Cap	196.43	206.78	+1.90	...
-do- Index Inv	270.06	284.28	+2.79	...
Mngd Cap	502.35	528.69	+1.07	...
Mngd Inv	690.50	726.85	+1.97	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£585.03	...	+1.37	...
Var Ann (5)	383.34	...	+0.32	...
Prime Managed	340.70	358.70	-0.10	...
Prime UK Equity	406.80	428.30	+2.10	...
Prime Int Equity	254.50	267.90	-4.30	...
Prime Property	191.30	201.40	+2.20	...
Prime Fxd Int	222.30	234.10	+1.30	...
Prime Index-Lnk	158.10	166.50	+1.40	...
Prime Cash	193.60	203.80	+0.30	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN. 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	967.20	1018.1	...	...
Equity Fund	1390.4	1463.5	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	511.60	538.50	-0.10	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	337.30	355.00	+6.60	...
Life Equity Acc	697.60	734.30	+2.80	...
Life Money Acc	284.10	299.00	+0.60	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	644.90	678.80	+2.30	...
Life Intl Acc	433.70	456.50	-12.40	...
Life High Inc Acc	659.60	694.30	+6.80	...
Life Property Acc	223.20	234.90	+0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	620.20	652.80	-4.80	...
DBS Managed	233.10	245.30	+1.20	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	165.20	173.90	+0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	214.00	225.30	-1.30	...
-do- Series 2	136.80	144.00	-0.80	...
Adventurous Fd	172.90	182.00	-5.40	...
-do- Series 2	129.20	136.10	-4.00	...
Performance Fd	214.70	226.10	-5.60	...
-do- Series 2	138.30	145.60	-3.50	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.20	143.40	+1.00	...
UK Equity Fund	136.50	143.70	+1.60	...
Property Fund	104.30	109.80	+0.40	...
Envrnmntl Opps	139.10	146.50	+1.50	...
Euro Fund	139.70	147.10	-1.10	...
North Amer Fd	177.40	186.80	-11.00	...
Oriental Ops	148.80	156.70	+1.20	...
Japanese Fund	97.00	102.20	-0.90	...
Bal & West Life	111.90	117.80	-0.10	...
Bal & West Pen	122.90	129.40	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	244.30	253.20	+4.60	3.62
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	262.30	276.20	+0.60	...
UK Equity	351.20	369.70	+3.30	...
Stewardship	300.00	315.80	+3.10	...
Overseas Equity	231.50	243.70	-4.80	...
North American	133.60	140.70	-8.10	...
Pacific Basin	121.20	127.60	...	...
European	165.30	174.10	-1.20	...
Property	187.80	197.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	203.90	214.70	+2.60	...
Index Linked	151.20	159.20	+0.70	...
Cash	187.70	197.60	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575				
GT Plan Far East	265.90	279.90	-2.00	...
GT Plan Wwide	398.90	419.90	-5.70	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	177.30	186.50	-0.30	...
Unitised Profit	118.90	125.00	+0.20	...
UK Equity	239.00	251.50	+1.10	...
Fixed Int	177.30	186.60	+1.10	...
Index-Linked	152.60	160.50	+1.20	...
Cash Deposit	165.40	174.00	+0.10	...
Property	160.80	169.20	-0.20	...
International	159.30	167.60	-1.00	...
American	146.60	154.30	-7.20	...
Japan	200.30	210.60	-1.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	194.70	204.90	+0.90	...
European	156.70	164.90	...	...
Pacific Fund	211.70	222.70	-3.10	...
Conv Life	130.70	137.40	+0.30	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	622.20	622.20	-3.90	...
-do- Inv A	622.10	655.00	-6.20	...
UK Equity	358.60	377.60	-0.70	...
Gilt Plus	194.20	204.50	+3.20	...
Managed	270.80	285.10	-2.70	...
Inter Man	245.00	258.00	-4.10	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752080				
Managed Bond	628.20	662.00	+1.20	...
Money Fund	298.80	314.60	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	561.30	591.50	-1.20	...
Fixed Interest	257.20	271.00	-3.30	...
Property Fund	329.60	347.30	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	489.20	515.50	-40.80	...
Income	630.60	664.50	+0.20	...
International Gth	518.70	546.60	-23.50	...
Capital Fund	551.00	580.60	+2.10	...
Recovery Fund	535.40	564.20	-17.60	...
Japan & General	221.50	233.40	-2.70	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	632.50	656.80	...	...
Managed Initial	405.30	426.60	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	555.10	584.30	+0.90	...
Equity Initial	593.50	624.80	-4.80	...
-do- Acc	813.00	855.80	-6.90	...
Fixed Int Initial	408.50	430.00	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	559.60	589.00	-0.30	...
Intl Initial	396.30	417.20	-7.80	...
-do- Acc	542.80	571.40	-10.50	...
Nth Amer Initial	171.80	180.80	-10.90	...
-do- Acc	214.10	225.40	-12.90	...
Pacific Initial	194.70	205.00	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	240.40	253.10	-0.50	...
Property Initial	150.00	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	205.10	215.90	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	151.30	159.30	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	188.60	198.50	+1.40	...
Deposit Initial	192.30	202.50	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	263.40	277.30	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	83.00	87.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	95.60	100.60	-0.20	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	142.70	150.20	+0.30	...
-do- Pens	168.20	177.00	+0.40	...
UK Equity	138.70	145.90	+0.20	...
-do- Pens	150.70	158.60	+0.40	...
International	126.80	133.40	-0.60	...
-do- Pens	136.20	143.30	-0.70	...
Deposit	132.70	139.60	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	153.60	161.60	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	341.10	362.90	-0.30	...
North America	324.50	345.30	-22.40	...
Far East Fund	453.50	482.50	-6.70	...
Global Managed	391.90	417.00	-5.40	...
Deposit Fund	216.20	227.60	+0.10	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	215.30	229.10	-2.10	...
Fixed Interest	68.60	73.00	-0.70	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	439.10	464.70	+3.30	...
British Fund	447.80	473.90	+1.50	...
International	440.60	466.30	-8.20	...
Dollar Fund	333.00	352.40	-17.70	...
Capital Fund	403.80	427.40	-0.10	...
Income Fund	591.80	626.30	+3.10	...
Property Series A	378.30	400.40	...	...
Property Units	611.90	642.50	...	...
Financial Fund	446.20	472.20	+3.60	...
Managed Ser A	466.80	494.00	+0.30	...
-do- C	272.20	288.10	-0.40	...
Managed Units	832.70	876.60	+0.70	...
High Yield Fund	556.60	589.00	+4.00	...
Money Series A	271.30	287.10	+0.20	...
Money Units	357.10	375.90	+0.40	...
Equity Fund	531.00	562.00	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	341.30	361.20	+2.20	...
Indexed Secs	167.40	177.20	+1.60	...
European Fund	612.10	647.80	-7.20	...
Natural Res	236.60	250.40	-4.10	...
Far East Fund	468.90	496.20	-2.10	...
Smaller Cos	393.00	415.90	+3.50	...
Special Sits	376.20	398.10	+3.10	...
Man Currency	251.40	266.10	-0.70	...
Japanese Tech	203.60	215.50	-2.50	...
US Smaller Cos	201.70	213.50	-19.90	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	448.90	504.10	+1.00	...
Global Property	260.80	274.50	...	...
Global Fixed Int	464.00	488.40	+7.80	...
Global Equity	510.50	537.40	+2.30	...
Global Cash	200.70	211.30	-0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	441.00	464.20	+2.40	...
Property	410.70	432.30	+0.30	...
Managed	363.30	382.40	-0.10	...
American	369.60	389.10	-21.40	...
UK Equity Fd	398.40	419.40	+3.50	...
Japan	163.10	171.70	-2.40	...
Index-Lkd	173.90	183.10	+0.20	...
High Yield	726.60	764.80	+4.30	...
Growth Cap	398.00	418.90	+2.70	...
Money	378.70	398.60	+0.40	...
International	325.40	342.50	-6.10	...
Henderson Active	185.10	194.80	-0.80	...
Perpetual Active	265.30	279.30	-5.50	...
Growth Cap	398.00	418.90	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	562.60	592.20	-0.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	175.60	184.90	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	123.90	130.50	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	145.60	153.30	+1.30	...
Cash Initial	166.40	175.20	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	271.30	285.40	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	577.30	607.70	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	940.50	990.00	+2.40	...
Fixed Initial	335.50	353.20	+5.00	...
-do- Acc	546.50	575.30	+8.10	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	129.70	136.60	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	180.20	189.70	+1.10	...
Intl Initial	298.40	314.20	-6.20	...
-do- Acc	478.60	503.80	-9.90	...
Managed Initial	424.30	446.70	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	691.20	727.60	-2.20	...
Property Initial	181.80	191.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	296.20	311.80	-0.50	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	306.50	322.70	-0.10	...
UK Equity	514.40	541.50	+3.10	...
Property	273.00	287.40	-0.10	...
Money Market	238.60	251.20	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	288.70	303.90	-1.30	...
Japan	314.20	330.80	-2.10	...
North America	154.80	163.00	-8.00	...
International	253.20	266.60	-4.40	...
European	232.90	245.20	-1.40	...
Far East	103.20	108.70	-0.20	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	£784.90	...	+2.40	...
Fixed Interest	£370.40	...	+4.50	...
Property	£335.60	...	-18.90	...
Deposit	£274.20	...	+0.10	...
Mixed	£511.20	...	-2.30	...
Indexed Stock	£196.00	...	-0.40	...
International	£243.70	...	-3.30	...
Equity A	£181.60	...	-0.50	...
Fixed Int A	£164.80	...	+2.00	...
Property A	£147.90	...	-8.40	...
Deposit A	£161.60	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£168.50	...	-0.80	...
Index Stock A	£153.90	...	+0.30	...
International A	£152.70	...	-2.10	...
Equity P	£630.90	...	+2.70	...
Fixed Int P	£471.80	...	+4.10	...
Property P	£269.00	...	-11.40	...
Deposit P	£316.20	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£458.60	...	-1.60	...
Index Stock P	£224.90	...	-0.40	...
International P	£273.80	...	-4.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£510.20	...	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	£788.00	...	-3.80	...
Property Cap	£158.10	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£237.10	...	-0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£194.10	...	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	£291.40	...	+4.40	...
Equity Cap	£295.00	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£447.30	...	+1.70	...
Internatl Cap	£213.30	...	-4.20	...
-do- Acc	£320.30	...	-6.10	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£171.20	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£254.60	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£323.10	...	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	£488.90	...	-0.40	...
Moneymaker Fd	£387.60	...	+0.80	...
Capital Growth	£1412.7	...	+1.20	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	383.50	402.70	-27.90	...
Amer Rec Bond	422.50	443.70	-34.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	205.10	215.40	-14.20	...
Australasia Bd	159.30	167.40	-3.50	...
Commodity Bond	213.70	224.50	-2.80	...
Deposit Bond Acc	341.60	358.80	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1179.7	1238.8	+11.50	...
European Bd Acc	295.80	310.60	-1.80	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	583.00	612.30	+5.30	...
Far East Bd Acc	235.80	247.70	-1.90	...
Gilt Bond Acc	396.60	416.50	+5.70	...
Gold Bond Acc	87.40	91.90	-1.20	...
High Yield Bond	295.60	310.50	+4.40	5.14
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	195.60	205.40	+0.40	...
International Bd	605.70	636.10	-15.90	...
Japan Bond Acc	223.60	234.90	-1.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	192.70	202.40	-1.50	...
Managed Bonds	726.70	763.10	+13.70	...
Prop Bond Acc	299.50	314.50	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	613.00	643.80	+5.90	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	204.00	214.80	+1.80	...
UK Equity Acc	270.20	284.50	+2.60	...
Special Sits	84.30	88.80	+0.60	...
Special Sits Acc	111.80	117.70	+1.00	...
North American	179.20	188.70	-9.00	...
N American Acc	237.50	250.00	-11.90	...
Pacific Basin	295.80	311.40	-0.20	...
Pacific Basin Acc	392.10	412.80	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	278.30	293.00	+3.30	...
Fixed Interest Acc	369.30	388.80	+4.60	...
Property	154.60	162.80	+0.20	...
Property Acc	205.10	215.90	+0.40	...
Deposit	149.70	157.60	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	199.10	209.60	+0.30	...
Managed	233.30	245.60	+0.30	...
Managed Acc	285.00	300.00	+0.60	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	608.60	640.60	-0.20	...
Property Fund	472.60	497.50	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	757.20	797.00	+4.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	551.90	580.90	+13.40	...
Deposit Fund	311.30	327.70	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	320.20	336.30	+2.00	...
International	475.70	500.70	-17.10	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 266366. Prices 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	394.20	414.90	+0.30	...
Equity Bond	300.00	315.70	+1.30	...
Money Mrkt Bd	488.60	514.30	+11.20	...
Deposit Fund	353.70	374.40	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	410.80	432.40	+0.20	...
Intl Equity	469.60	494.30	-3.80	...
Intl Managed	448.90	472.50	-1.50	...
North American	195.80	206.10	-9.30	...
Far East	338.20	356.00	+2.70	...
Intl Currency	252.40	265.60	-6.40	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	128.70	135.40	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	491.90	517.70	+6.30	...
Managed	620.90	653.50	+1.50	...
Deposit	318.40	335.10	+0.20	...
Property	375.30	395.00	-0.80	...
American	396.80	417.60	-19.90	...
Australian	426.30	448.70	+8.90	...
European	463.90	488.30	+5.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	244.00	256.80	+1.80	...
Global Managed	125.80	132.40	+0.30	...
Income Acc	673.20	708.60	-0.70	...
-do- Dist	425.60	448.10	+0.40	5.65
International	277.70	292.30	-2.30	...
Japan Smaller	392.20	412.80	-4.10	...
Singapore & Mal	254.40	267.70	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos	324.00	341.00	-1.30	...
Tokyo Fund	565.50	595.20	-2.30	...
UK Equity	537.40	565.60	+0.60	...
CCM Vangd Mg	647.10	681.10	-0.70	...
Equity Pens Cap	862.00	907.30	+2.40	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 071 623 4200				
Managed	416.20	438.20	-2.20	...
UK Equity	514.90	542.00	+2.60	...
Overseas Equity	414.60	436.50	-9.90	...
Americas	385.50	405.80	-24.00	...
Far East	410.70	432.40	+0.50	...
Property	194.40	204.70	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	336.80	354.60	+1.80	...
Indexed Gilt	210.20	221.30	+0.70	...
Deposit	203.90	214.30	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1197.2	1260.2	-1.40	...
Eqity Fund	2617.8	2755.6	-17.10	...
Property Fd	437.20	460.20	+0.60	...
Fixed Int Fd	547.00	575.80	+5.70	...
Deposit Fund	325.10	342.20	+0.40	...
Intl Fund	200.70	211.30	-4.00	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	137.90	145.20	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	262.70	276.60	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1026.2	1080.3	+7.40	...
Inv Managed	713.10	750.70	+2.70	...
Ret Managed	779.00	820.10	-1.70	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	672.90	715.90	-2.20	...
Cash Fund	317.90	335.00	-0.20	...
Property Fund	216.70	230.60	...	...
Equity Fund	778.60	828.30	-17.60	...
Fxd Interest Fund	416.90	439.40	+1.70	...
International	346.90	369.10	-8.00	...
High Income	599.80	637.30	+2.20	...
Far East	465.30	495.00	-12.80	...
North American	461.20	490.70	-29.50	...
Special Sits	554.80	590.30	+5.20	...
Technology	453.50	482.50	-30.50	...
Extra Income Fd	327.60	348.60	+2.00	...
Gilt Fund	448.00	476.60	+2.90	...
European	126.00	134.10	-0.90	...
Adventurous Mg	176.10	185.40	-4.10	...
Secure Mgd	128.90	137.20	+0.10	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.10	116.10	-0.30	4.88
North American	103.40	110.00	-0.30	5.60
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	262.50	276.90	+1.50	...
Fxd Interest Acc	219.80	231.90	+2.80	...
International Acc	218.00	230.00	-4.40	...
Managed Acc	191.90	202.40	-1.00	...
Property Acc	221.30	233.50	-0.10	...
Money Acc	144.90	152.90	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	191.60	202.20	-5.10	...
Japan Equity Acc	95.40	100.70	-1.20	...
N Amer Acc	147.30	155.40	-9.40	...
Pacific Acc	128.30	135.40	-0.10	...
European Acc	120.10	126.70	-1.20	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	401.80	422.90	-1.20	...
Managed Initial	287.20	302.30	-1.10	...
Equity Ord	609.20	641.30	+2.20	...
Equity Init	435.40	458.30	+1.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	189.80	199.80	-0.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	141.70	149.20	+0.50	...
Ovess Equity Ord	307.00	323.20	-7.00	...
Ovess Equity Init	219.50	231.10	-5.10	...
Property Ord	221.60	233.30	+0.90	...
Property Init	158.40	166.70	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Ord	257.70	271.30	+2.80	...
Fixed Int Init	184.20	193.90	+1.90	...
Deposit Ord	194.30	204.50	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	138.90	146.20	+0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	291.20	303.40	-0.80	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP. 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	645.80	679.80	-4.30	...
Equity Fund	1274.2	1341.3	-0.60	...
Intl Fund	485.80	511.40	-8.50	...
Fixed Interest	528.80	556.70	+6.20	...
Property Fund	376.50	396.40	...	...
Cash Fund	345.30	363.50	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	249.00	262.20	-0.50	...
N American Fd	211.30	222.40	-15.00	...
Euro Fund	219.80	231.40	-2.00	...
Balanced Fund	129.90	136.80	-0.90	...
Strategic Fund	131.90	138.90	-1.60	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	2993.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	388.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	410.30	431.90	...	...
Op Equity	879.00	925.30	-10.70	...
Op High Yield	515.60	542.80	+8.50	...
Op Managed	717.90	755.70	+3.30	...
Op Deposit	370.70	390.30	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	278.90	293.60	+2.50	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	186.20	196.00	+0.60	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	224.50	236.40	+0.90	...
Gilt	76.00	80.00	+0.80	...
Amer (35,34)	...	...	...	...
British	324.10	341.20	+0.60	...
Global Bond	116.50	122.70	+0.90	...
Global (35,34)	158.80	167.20	-0.50	...
Gold Share	52.30	55.10	-0.70	...
High Income	263.30	277.20	+1.40	...
Income	380.40	400.50	+3.70	...
Japan	317.00	333.70	-5.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	267.00	281.10	-5.60	...
Mngd Growth	394.90	415.70	+0.10	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	835.40	884.00	-2.40	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	334.80	352.40	-1.00	...
Equity Fund	466.80	491.30	+1.00	...
Property Fund	244.40	247.20	-10.10	...
International	387.40	407.70	-5.30	...
Pacific Basin	211.60	222.70	+0.60	...
United States	214.10	225.60	-18.70	...
Gilt Fund	323.70	340.70	+4.80	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	647.40	685.10	-0.50	...
Deposit Fund (2)	346.70	366.90	+0.40	...
Gilt Fund	467.60	494.90	+7.00	...
Global Equity Fd	192.50	203.80	-2.70	...
Property Fund (46)	89.10	94.30	...	...
AG Bond Fund	138.40	146.50	-0.20	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	488.60	514.40	+2.10	...
Fixed Interest	331.10	348.60	+8.30	...
Index-Linked	181.00	190.60	+1.70	...
International	360.20	379.20	-7.20	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	217.50	229.00	+0.50	...
Managed	331.10	348.60	-58.20	...
Cap Gteed Bd	97.60	102.80	-0.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. 031 556 9101				
Cash	170.43	179.40	+0.16	...
Index-Linked	146.70	154.40	-0.50	...
Fixed Interest	168.20	177.10	+2.50	...
Mixed	214.80	226.10	-1.90	...
UK Equity	209.50	220.50	-0.40	...
International	211.80	222.90	-2.30	...
American	232.80	244.60	-10.60	...
Japan	196.60	206.90	-0.40	...
European	211.50	222.60	-2.00	...
Pacific	276.60	291.20	-1.00	...
Technology	285.10	300.10	-11.20	...
Currncy/Currncy	218.20	229.70	-1.60	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	173.00	182.10	+0.30	...
UK Equity	310.60	327.20	+0.60	...
American	230.10	242.40	-14.60	...
Pacific	266.80	281.00	-2.00	...
European	401.10	422.30	+1.50	...
International	260.20	274.00	-4.00	...
Fixed Interest	224.10	236.00	+1.50	...
Index Linked	184.70	194.50	+0.20	...
Deposit	182.10	191.80	+0.10	...
Managed	246.70	259.80	-1.00	...
Worldwide	105.20	110.90	-0.70	...
Pen Worldwide	109.10	114.90	-0.90	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1497.8	1502.9	+61.70	...
Safety Fund	210.90	222.10	+0.90	...
Growth Fund	201.00	211.60	-0.90	...
Opportunity Fd	200.90	211.50	-0.70	...
Cash Fund	164.60	173.30	+0.20	...
European Fund	295.30	310.90	-3.40	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	178.90	188.40	+0.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	167.50	176.40	+1.60	...
International Fd	245.40	258.40	-6.70	...
North American	218.60	230.20	-15.00	...
Property Fund	113.60	119.60	...	...
UK Equity	215.00	226.40	+0.40	...
UK Smaller	185.60	195.40	+0.50	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	225.50	237.50	+0.20	...
Equity	238.00	250.60	+1.40	...
International	235.00	247.50	-3.20	...
Property	192.40	202.60	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	208.50	219.60	+2.10	...
Index Linked	167.70	176.60	+0.70	...
Cash	177.30	186.70	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	824.30	824.30	+1.30	...
Inv Pol 2	756.00	795.90	+1.10	...
Inv Pol 3	728.40	766.90	+0.80	...
Inv Cash	294.00	309.60	+1.40	...
Mixed Fund	396.30	417.30	-0.60	...
Equity Fund	468.30	493.10	+1.20	...
Property Fund	204.90	215.80	-0.10	...
International	406.60	428.10	-10.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	339.70	357.70	+2.00	...
Indexed Stock Fd	183.50	193.30	+0.90	...
Cash Fund	214.30	225.70	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	318.10	334.80	-0.10	...
Equity Acc	365.00	384.20	-0.50	...
International Acc	293.40	308.80	-2.30	...
Property	210.00	221.00	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	209.00	219.90	-0.10	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	253.80	267.20	+0.20	...
Equity	870.90	916.80	-1.50	...
European	140.80	148.30	-0.10	...
Far East	131.10	138.10	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	363.30	382.50	+2.60	...
Index Linked	191.90	202.00	+1.60	...
International	515.00	542.20	-6.20	...
Managed	606.00	637.90	-2.30	...
Nth American	142.30	149.80	-8.10	...
Property	304.40	320.50	-0.20	...
Pensions				
Cash	387.90	408.40	+0.40	...
Equity	1217.3	1281.4	+0.10	...
European	166.70	175.50	-0.40	...
Far East	99.50	104.80	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	480.50	505.80	+4.20	...
Index Linked	266.10	279.10	+2.20	...
International	703.90	741.00	-9.20	...
Managed	834.90	868.40	-2.00	...
Nth American	174.50	183.70	-11.30	...
Property	382.10	402.30	+0.40	...
Stock Exchange	186.20	196.10	-0.50	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	557.50	586.90	-1.80	...
Equity Fund	750.60	790.20	+3.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	383.50	403.70	+3.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	284.20	299.20	+1.80	...
Property Fund	406.90	428.40	+0.70	...
International Fd	531.30	559.30	-8.50	...
N American Fd	206.30	217.20	-19.40	...
Far East Fund	171.60	180.70	-3.20	...
Deposit Fund	277.10	291.70	+0.20	...
International Bd	£71.48	...	-0.97	...
Worldwide Bond	158.00	166.40	-1.40	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.10	82.30	...	...
Worldwide Tech	92.80	97.70	+0.10	...
European	134.20	141.30	-1.40	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	545.00	573.60	-1.80	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	375.50	400.30	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£464.00	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£835.90	...	+0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	£748.80	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£719.40	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£373.80	...	+0.50	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£397.30	...	+0.40	...
Investment Fd	£294.30	...	-0.50	...
Investment (A)	£283.30	...	-0.80	...
Equity	£1082.6	...	+4.20	...
Equity Acc	£1040.9	...	+4.50	...
Money Fund	£438.30	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£420.50	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£506.50	...	...	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£357.40	...	+3.30	...
-do- Acc	£357.40	...	+3.30	...
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Equity Account	£1025.4	...	-17.00	...
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Prop Fund Acc	221.80	233.50	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	272.50	286.90	-1.40	...
Money Fund Acc	208.20	219.20	+0.30	...
Indx-Lnk Scr Ac	193.00	203.20	+1.50	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1593.2	...	+0.70	...
Pens Mngd Acct	740.80	779.80	+0.30	...
Pens Guarantee	216.40	227.80	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	283.60	298.60	-1.10	...
Pens Property	227.80	239.80	+0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	246.00	259.00	+3.70	...
Pens Intl	204.80	215.60	-0.20	...
Pens Money	218.90	230.50	+0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	181.20	190.70	+1.80	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	761.30	801.40	-3.00	...
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Deposit	236.30	249.10	+0.20	...
Residential Prop	90.20	95.00	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	37.30	39.30	...	...
Fixed Interest	313.20	329.70	+1.50	...
Gold	64.90	68.40	-1.90	...
TSB Income	339.30	357.20	+2.00	...
TSB Intl	368.20	387.60	-10.50	...
Japan	314.60	331.20	-3.00	...
Managed	529.90	557.80	-2.20	...
Managed Prop	188.70	198.70	+4.10	...
Preference	230.80	243.00	+1.60	...
Property	252.20	265.50	-0.80	...
World Income	266.50	280.60	-4.20	...
TSB European	229.20	241.30	-2.40	...

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Ruling to speed up claims

The High Court's decision this week should have speeded up the claims procedure for thousands of elderly people who were sold home income plans by brokers and have lost thousands of pounds as a result.

Several of those claiming or intending to claim from the Investors Compensation Scheme have died before any money could be paid out. Until Tuesday, their claims died with them. The High Court ruled, however, that financial institutions should not benefit from their tardiness.

Home income plans are sold to people in their seventies and eighties so that they can use part of the value of their home to raise an income. Those that went wrong involved investment bonds being bought with the money to provide an income. But the bonds have fallen in value, as have the homes on which the loans were secured. At the same time, mortgage rates soared, reducing the income received.

Sorting out the mess has been difficult because there are usually two or more financial institutions involved and, in many cases, they have expended much energy blaming each other or joining forces to blame the solicitor who did not warn the homeowners of the risks.

The pensioners have also been accused of being greedy and not telling the truth. Brokers have claimed they explained all the potential risks for the schemes. But too many people were told they would receive a fixed amount each month and naively thought the bonds were similar to bank or building society accounts paying out interest with no risk to their lump sum.

The Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association subsequently issued guidelines on the selling of such plans. These detailed the many ways in which money could be lost and officials are confident they have put an end to old people being sold such high-risk plans. Now the companies have nothing to gain by the death of claimants, they may be more willing to settle claims while the elderly people still have time to enjoy the compensation.



COMMENT

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It is partly the fact that brokers, mortgage lenders, and investment groups are involved that delays have occurred. For once, the insurance industry has settled up more quickly, when dealing with similar cases. Its cases tend to be simpler, as they involve tied agents dealing with only one insurance company.

While the companies may not rush to pay out, they have been firmly prodded in that direction by Dr Julian Farrand, the Insurance Ombudsman and his team.

Now is the time to consider establishing one office that can handle complaints for the whole financial services industry. Discussions are going on to introduce a single regulator for private investors. A single complaints office must be an integral part of any such arrangement. It would reduce the number of disappointed investors who receive letters months after they have complained to one regulator, telling them that they should apply elsewhere for help.

The investors are worn down by the system set up to protect them.

Promises check

Yet again, life offices are being called to account for misleading marketing. Regulators are asking for all companies selling guaranteed equity bonds to provide literature so that it can be checked. They will be keeping a particularly keen eye out for companies promising a gross rate of return on these investments, which promise a share in the growth of the FT-SE 100 and, at the very least, guarantee the original investment.

It is not difficult to see why companies gloss over unwelcome realities such as taxation. A promise of 133 per cent gross of the FT-SE 100 index's growth does, after all, sound a lot more tempting than 100 per cent. Unfortunately for investors in the majority of these bonds, any growth will already have been taxed within the fund, so any return will be net. Higher rate taxpayers may find they have even more tax to pay.

Challenged with this, companies say feebly: "Everyone else was quoting a gross rate," or "A gross rate was the only thing we could guarantee." The subtext to this is: "We're not that interested in what we tell people, we just want to sell a lot."

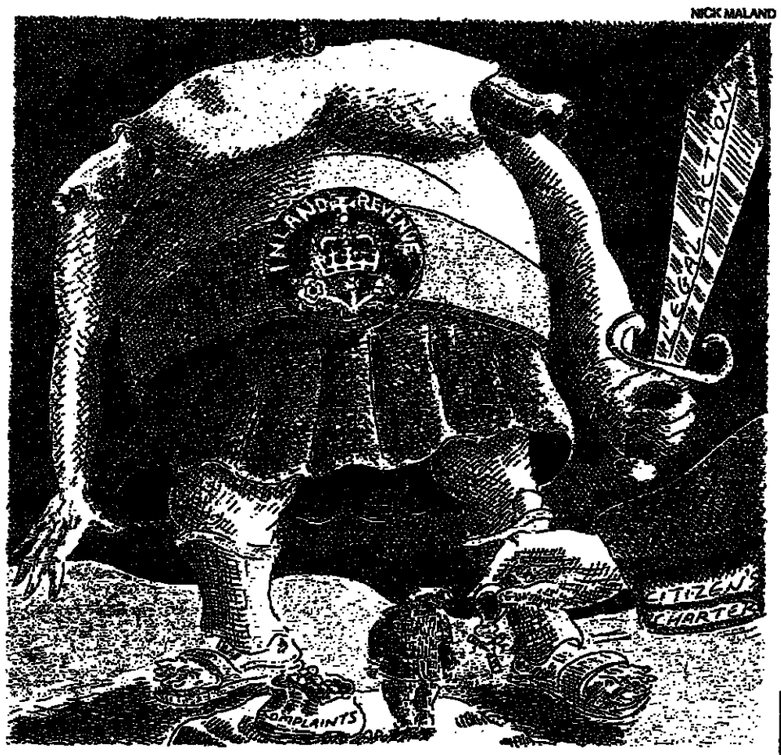
Financial institutions are taking advantage of investors who have been buffeted by a succession of upsets, from the collapse of the equity markets in 1987 to sharp falls in interest rates over the past year. Anything with the word "guaranteed" in it attracts them.

Lautro should stamp on this as hard as it stamped on misleading marketing of with-profits bonds last year. It should also consider banning the word "guarantee" from marketing literature. As we have said before, guarantees are only as good as the person giving them.

Revenue to compensate taxpayers for its errors

A new watchdog will enforce three codes of practice governing the taxman, reports Sara McConnell

NICK MALAND



FIGHTING the Revenue used to be one of life's missions impossible. But from May, for the first time, taxpayers who feel they cannot get anyone to listen, or to deal with their affairs promptly, will be able to call on the independent Revenue Adjudicator, who will examine taxpayers' complaints.

Part of the adjudicator's task will be to make sure the Revenue is keeping to the standards set out in three codes of practice, published this week. These indicate the extent of compensation taxpayers could be entitled to from their taxman if delays or mistakes turn out to be the Revenue's fault.

This is the first time existing and new practice has been gathered together in a single set of leaflets outlining the standards the Revenue sets itself. It is also the first time the Revenue has specified publicly that taxpayers may be able to claim compensation for extra costs incurred because of delays, or serious or persistent mistakes.

The very name of one of these leaflets, *Mistakes by the Inland Revenue*, may indicate a new humility on the part of the Revenue, which used to be reluctant to concede that it was possible for it to make a mistake. Now it seems it is not only possible for it to make mistakes, but eager to learn from them.

Simon Norris, the Inland Revenue's assistant director, business profits division, said: "It is up to anyone to complain to the management. The Inland Revenue wants to learn from complaints and find out if its systems are not working properly."

The moves are part of the government's Citizens' Charter initiative to make public services more responsive to the people who have to deal with them. One of the main objectives of the charter is to get organisations to set out in writing what people should expect and the Revenue has already gone some way towards doing this with its Taxpayers' Charter, launched in 1991.

The government conceded disappointedly this week that all public bodies needed to go further after research had shown a high level of ignorance among members of the public about the Citizens' Charter. The research also revealed a strongly held conviction that it was not worth complaining, although there were plenty of things to complain about.

The Revenue's acknowledgement that mistakes happen and attempts to make the complaints procedure easier to understand, could open the floodgates as people vent their frustrations.

Accountants said the Revenue's codes of practice could be a significant step forward and gave them a cautious welcome. They agreed it would give individual taxpayers dealing with the Revenue without the help of accountants much more redress. However, much depends on how the provisions of the code are interpreted, they say. There is little detail and no scale or other indication of the amounts of compensation people might expect, for example. The Revenue admits that the codes are not too tightly drawn because it wants room to manoeuvre, depending on the circumstances of each case.

The admission that mistakes occur could open the floodgates as people vent their frustrations

Martin Dunn, senior tax manager at Blick Rothenberg, the firm of chartered accountants, said that, at the moment, the Revenue paid taxpayers' costs only in "exceptional cases", even when it was itself at fault. "They are not very keen. You have to have a very good case." This may now change. The Revenue promises: "Even with errors that are not serious, we may pay the costs that result directly from our mistakes in dealing with our own tax affairs. We will do this where: we continued with the mistake even after it had been pointed out, unless there was a genuine difference of opinion between us; we kept making the same type of mistake. For instance, if we had to issue an assessment three times before we got it right, even though the facts remained the same; we made a lot of unconnected mistakes within the same year or in connection with the same period of assessment. For instance, if we kept having to amend an assessment because of new facts but each time we got an amendment wrong."

This list will be depressingly familiar to many people, said Moira Elms, group manager of personal finance at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. "Persistent errors happen a lot. It is quite common for them to send two or three wrong assessments. These are often done at a junior level by someone with a big allocation of work who just wants to push it through." Ms Elms added that the Revenue had given itself a "tall order" if it was really prepared to consider paying professional fees to people on the receiving end of persistent errors. "It may find itself swamped" she said.

Costs could include professional fees, reimbursement of lost wages and expenses and in some cases postage and telephone charges. The Revenue categorically says these will be paid if it makes a "serious mistake", for instance "taking a wholly unreasonable view of the law".

Less categoric is a section dealing with the interest taxpayers may be able to claim if they have paid too much tax. Ian Luder, partner at Arthur Andersen, said the Revenue had moved some way towards treating taxpayers more fairly. If the taxman delays for seven months "for no good reason", he will pay interest on any money owed to the taxpayer during the period of the delay. At present, taxpayers do not get interest until the end of the following tax year, although the Revenue can charge interest on outstanding tax bills from the day they fell due.

Mr Luder pointed out, however, that the leaflet did not define delay. Taxpayers could find they do not qualify for an interest repayment simply because correspondence with the Revenue has taken a long time. If each letter has been replied to within a 28-day deadline, it appears that taxpayers will not receive interest.

Taking the official route becomes a less taxing ordeal

IT HAS always been possible to win compensation, an exemption from interest, or a speedy refund of overpaid tax, but most taxpayers have found it very difficult until recently (Lindsay Cook writes).

Now there is evidence from Weekend Money readers that tax offices are responding with refunds by return of post and even telephoning taxpayers at work to warn them not to pay their next tax instalment in full because a miscalculation means they have paid too much.

The system is still slightly formal. The tax officers are known as Mr, Miss or Mrs with no first name, but they give their telephone extension and if they are not available a colleague deals with the query straightaway. There are still mistakes, but the system allows officers to acknowledge them — sometimes.

In the past, Weekend Money has reported victories for taxpayers, but they were hard won.

In 1991, a college lecturer, a most accomplished and efficient taxpayer, had a bill for £860 reduced to £54 after a five-month battle. However, he was a paragon among taxpayers. He had sent off his tax return, complete with a detailed list of all share and unit trust disposals, and interest earned on numerous building society accounts within days of receiving it. His records were meticulous. Most taxpayers fall far short of this standard. They struggle to send back their tax returns within six months, let alone the 30 days they are given.

Part of the reduction in the lecturer's bill was to compensate for his efforts and possibly his honesty. On at least one occasion, he pointed out he had been undercharged. He also had to wait a long time for replies to some of his letters.

Last year, we reported on a man who had to write 15 letters and spend £268 on accountancy fees to persuade the Inland Revenue to refund overpaid tax. But the Revenue refused to make an *ex gratia* payment under the guidelines issued in 1975.

One client of Blick Rothenberg, chartered accountants, who had been on the receiving end of a series of clerical errors for six months last year, was firmly refused compensation for the extra costs and time involved while the mistakes were being sorted out.

The customer services manager at the local tax office said the case was not exceptional enough.

It has been easier to stop charges being levied. One taxpayer who received a tax bill for interest earned on his savings rather late, soon afterwards received a bill for the following year rather early. It was for exactly the same amount. He paid the second one, without realising there were two bills, and when the demands for the first one continued to arrive, ignored them until threatened with legal action. He then proved his cheque had cleared and a few months later started receiving more demands for the same amount, which, again, were ignored until they became sufficiently threatening.

At this point, it became clear what the misunderstanding was and a second cheque was dispatched. Not satisfied with payment, the Revenue pursued him for interest. He refused to pay and his accountant took up the point with his tax inspector, who was unsympathetic until the confusion became clear. The interest claim was dropped but no payment for his accountant's time was made.

Where a mistake is the result of Revenue error when the correct information was supplied in full and on time it is possible if it is not discovered for a year or more for the taxpayer to avoid paying all or a proportion of the tax bill.

If the taxpayer has a relatively low income and the unexpected tax bill would cause hardship, the Revenue has the power to cancel the debt. However, few cases are clean cut. Often there are misunderstandings on both sides that contribute to the wrong amount being paid.

Large numbers of savers continue to have tax deducted from their bank and building society interest although they are non-taxpayers. The Revenue has spent millions of pounds trying to get the message across to them that they can receive interest gross or can claim a refund after the interest is received.

Those who make claims are pleasantly surprised how quickly they are dealt with, although if the tax involved is less than £50 a year, they have to wait until April 6 to make the claim.

Recently plaudits have outnumbered complaints about the Revenue. Readers have received tax refunds quickly and efficiently and for the right amount, and are still pinching themselves.

Tax referee faces heavy workload

THE independent adjudicator, appointed to consider taxpayers' complaints occurring after April 5, is expected to handle between 20 and 60 complaints a month when he starts work in May. If this Revenue assumption proves correct, his tax workload could be seven times that of the government's ombudsman, who received 100 complaints from taxpayers last year. It is likely to increase as the scheme receives more publicity (Sara McConnell writes).

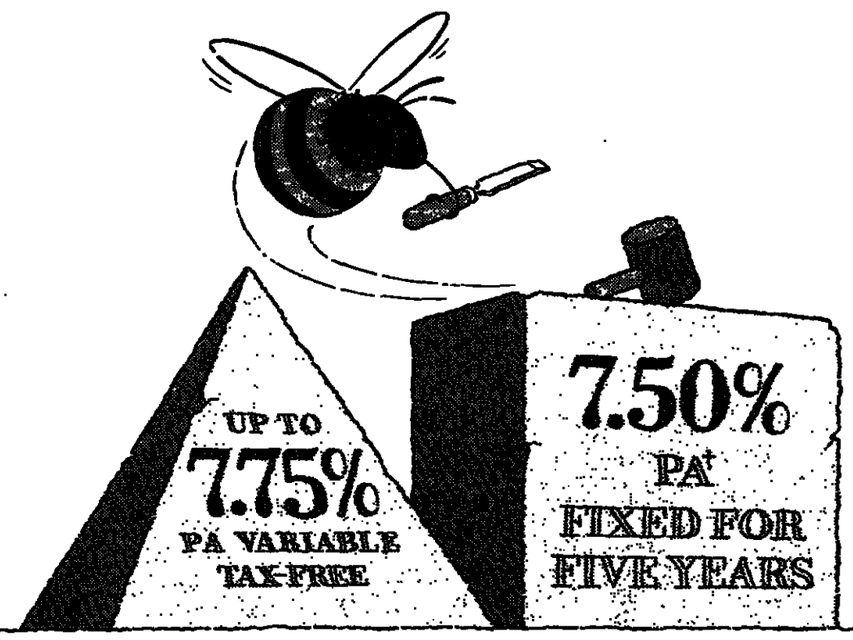
The Revenue said this week that of the 15,000 complaints received last year, most were dealt with through the tax office. Under the proposals published this week, taxpayers who are not satisfied with their tax office's response could turn to the adjudicator. However, they can only do this after the complaint has been through the controller of the relevant executive office or the chief executive of the valuation office agency. This process is similar to that operated by other independent ombudsmen but Barry Glassberg, the Revenue's assistant director, central division, said the scheme would be less formal. There would be no need for the controller or chief executive to issue a letter saying they have reached deadlock with a complaint, as is necessary with the insurance or banking ombudsman, for example.

The adjudicator will consider complaints about the way a tax office has handled someone's affairs. He will deal with problems involving "excessive delays, errors, discourtesy or the way in which the Revenue has exercised discretion". He will not be able to handle questions of tax law or the amount of tax liability because these are already dealt with by the tax commissioners if necessary. He will also not be able to handle rating questions, which are dealt with by the Valuation tribunal. The Revenue admitted this could create difficult grey areas when tax complaints overlapped into areas beyond the adjudicator's terms of reference.

The biggest single sources of complaint, according to the Revenue, are technical errors, where the amount of tax owed is wrongly calculated, and delays in sorting out tax affairs. These two accounted for 40 per cent of all the complaint calls made to tax offices in the past month. Some complaints would be within the ombudsman's terms of reference. The next biggest single source of complaint — "Why do I have to pay tax at all?" — certainly would not be, although it was raised by 18 per cent of callers.

Other sources of complaint are "liaison" or breakdown of communication between tax offices, and "top sheeting", when a tax officer picks up only the first sheet of a letter and does not notice the rest.

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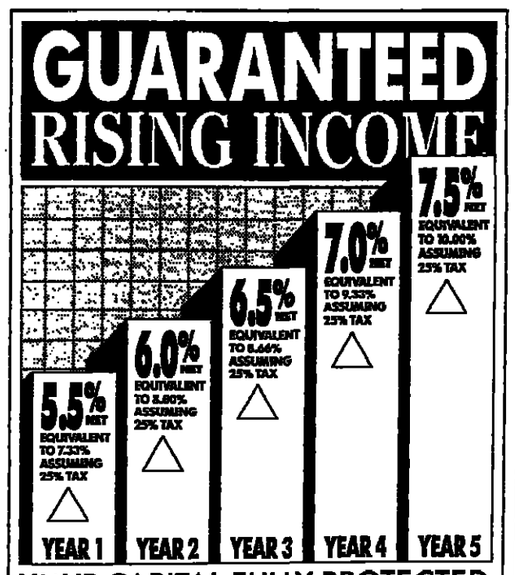
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Legal action taken over ICS payouts

By Sara McConnell

SOLICITORS representing up to 700 home income plan investors will next week ask the High Court to decide whether people who took out plans before the Investors Compensation Scheme started on August 28, 1988, are still eligible for compensation.

An application for judicial review of ICS's rules on who is eligible for compensation will be lodged early next week by Barnett Sampson, a firm of London solicitors. Any ruling on interpretations of ICS rules will apply to all investors, not only those with home income plans, although these should be among the first to benefit.

A decision that those investing or taking advice before August 1988 would be covered if they were still being given advice after that date could open the way to many more eligible claims.

Richard Barnett, a partner in the firm, said people who had been advised to take out home income plans before the ICS started should still be able to claim compensation because advisers selling the plans were in breach of duty by not reviewing their advice and remedying it. Salesmen were under a continuing obligation to give good advice, Mr Barnett said.

Thousands of elderly investors were encouraged in the late eighties to mortgage their homes and put the lump sum released into an investment bond run by an insurance company or, in some cases, the adviser. In theory, income from the bond would cover mortgage payments with money left over. But the value of the bonds fell. At the same time, rising interest rates and falling property prices have left many struggling to make the mortgage payments still due every month.

Mr Barnett said there was a "whole group of people" whose dealings with home income plan advisers had occurred just before or had straddled the August 28 cut-off date. One client had been advised to take out a plan in late August, but had not completed on her mortgage until September 2. Under the present interpretation of ICS rules, she would not be eligible for compensation.

The ICS argues that people can only be compensated for negligent advice given after the scheme started. However, it indicated that it was keen to find out if there were investors who had received more bad advice after the scheme had started and could be compensated on these grounds. For example, the home income plan salesman could have repeated his recommendation to go into the plan after August 28.

The ICS is in the process of interviewing investors on their circumstances but it does not have a deadline for completing interviews. It said: "We will have to let the judicial review go ahead. We are anxious for investors to give us information. We want to compensate but we want to make sure it is within the rules of the scheme."

Vera and Bert Hawkins, of Hayes in Kent, were among those interviewed by the ICS this week. They took out a home income plan in July 1987, through Aylesbury Associates using a loan from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society but continued to receive advice from Aylesbury Associates that the plan was suitable until 1991, when they cashed in their investment to redeem some of the mortgage. The couple, now in their seventies, were advised to take out a loan of £50,000 on their home, then valued at £115,000, and invest £30,000 of the money in an investment bond. The remaining £20,000 went into shares.

Mrs Hawkins said: "We only went into it after a lot of consideration. We thought it was going to be fine." But they discovered in March 1991 that the value of their £50,000 had fallen to only £14,900, or £13,500 after charges. Mrs Hawkins said the ICS had been "very fair and helpful" but she was "anxiously awaiting" a decision on whether plans taken out before August 1988 would be covered.

Investors won another important battle this week when the High Court ruled that widows and widowers of those already claiming or considering a claim against the compensation scheme could continue the claim of a dead spouse.

The ICS has also conceded that many people were struggling financially while awaiting compensation because they were still having to pay mortgage interest. It had previously ruled that it would not cover losses suffered by investors paying mortgages after the "quantification date", the date up to which compensation is assessed. Now it says it will pay interest on the sum it considers to be eligible for compensation from the quantification date until the payment date, one month after the date on which an offer was made to an investor.

Mr Barnett said this could add £2,000 to £3,000 to the compensation. The payout will not apply to investors with mortgages from the Cheltenham & Gloucester. It has been waiving their mortgage interest since March 1992.



ALAN WELLER

Waiting on the ICS: Vera and Bert Hawkins, who took out a home income plan in 1987

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April	0.702	0.636	0.556	0.455	0.412	0.355
May	0.689	0.629	0.550	0.448	0.409	0.353
June	0.685	0.625	0.548	0.445	0.410	0.353
July	0.684	0.617	0.548	0.448	0.414	0.355
August	0.684	0.610	0.533	0.444	0.410	0.351
September	0.685	0.602	0.530	0.445	0.403	0.347
October	0.676	0.597	0.521	0.443	0.401	0.340
November	0.668	0.591	0.516	0.438	0.389	0.334
December	0.671	0.587	0.517	0.436	0.384	0.335
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
January		0.335	0.242	0.154	0.059	0.017
February		0.330	0.233	0.147	0.053	0.012
March		0.325	0.228	0.136	0.049	0.009
April		0.303	0.206	0.102	0.036	Nil
May		0.298	0.199	0.093	0.033	Nil
June		0.294	0.195	0.088	0.028	Nil
July		0.292	0.194	0.088	0.031	Nil
August		0.278	0.191	0.077	0.028	Nil
September		0.272	0.183	0.067	0.025	Nil
October		0.259	0.174	0.058	0.021	Nil
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Fidelity wins top Moody's rating

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

FIDELITY Investments has won a triple A rating for its cash unit trust and its money funds, which are based in Bermuda, from Moody's, the international rating agency. The rating is the highest possible and is equivalent to that awarded to government securities.

The authorised unit trust, with £114 million invested, has a higher rating than the Halifax, the largest building society, on its long-term paper. It is rated by Moody's as AA1. This is higher than the high street banks.

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Fidelity manages more than $200 billion, of which over $70 billion is in money market funds. Cash unit trusts have gained in popularity in the past two years as building society and bank accounts have reduced their rates. In addition, investors are more wary about putting their money into the best account in the market only to find weeks or months later that it is no longer competitive and that their money cannot be withdrawn until the period of notice is completed.

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Fidelity wins top Moody's rating

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Mortgage charges rise as rates slide

Lindsay Cook says that some borrowers may be surprised at the fees lenders charge for services not included in the APR calculations



AS MORTGAGE rates come down, charges relating to mortgages are rising. Abbey National has sent a tariff to all its borrowers telling them what additional fees are charged for inspecting deeds, paying off the mortgage or for an interim statement of payments made during the year.

Several other lenders are also increasing these fees, which, usually, do not figure in the annual percentage rate of charge calculations, and may come as a shock to those who throw away mailings.

Abbey, the second largest mortgage lender, charges a £50 redemption fee for all mortgages in England and Wales. It lists a separate charge of £50 for deeds handling but customers are not charged for both. If the deeds are handled but a sale does not go through, the fee will be charged. If the deeds are handled and the sale is completed, only the redemption fee applies. However, if the borrower wants only to inspect the deeds, the fee is £15. Photocopies cost £5 plus value-added tax for five sheets, £9 plus VAT for 30 sheets and £14 for more than 30 sheets.

When a couple divorces and the title deeds of a property are transferred from joint names to only one, the Abbey charges £50, as it is for another name to be added. If customers hit hard times and, as part of their cost cutting, change from an endowment loan to a repayment loan, the conversion fee is £50. Those who apply to let a property they cannot sell are charged £50 and customers taking out a second mortgage with another organisation secured on their home are charged £50 plus VAT for the Abbey to fill out a questionnaire on their financial standing. A duplicate annual statement costs £10, while a list of payments month by month costs £30.

Abbey introduced the charges from February 10. A spokesman said: "We are not making any money on these charges. We were making a loss on these services and had to review the cost so that those who require extra work pay for it." When the new charges were announced, the bank said it was bringing its charges in line with its main competitors.

One service that used to be free with many lenders was the storage of deeds for customers who kept £1 in their mortgage account. Charges were introduced a few years ago and now Abbey charges a one-off £50 fee. Only the redemption fee is included in the annual percentage rate calculations as it is the only one that is universal, Abbey explained.

Weekend Money asked ten leading mortgage lenders what their charges were for these services. Three answered within eight hours; four more answered the following day and the others did not reply within 48 hours.

Lloyds Bank said it had no redemption fee, no charge for storing deeds when all but the last £1 of a loan had been paid off, nor did it charge for sending a list of payments, converting from an endowment to a repayment mortgage or for handling or inspecting deeds. When customers let a property there is no specific charge but extra legal costs were passed on.

The bank charges £50 plus VAT for answering questions for other lenders advancing second mortgages and £6 a sheet for duplicate statements.

Nationwide's redemption fee increased to £67 at the beginning of the month. This is included in the APR calculations. It charges £15 for retaining deeds, £15 for deed inspection, £20 for deed enquiries and £27 for deed production. The latter is included in the redemption fee. Converting an endowment loan costs £25. Those letting properties are charged £50, and those wanting second mortgages pay £47 for the bank to fill in a questionnaire. Customers who lose their mortgage statements are not charged for replacements within a year, nor for interim statements.

The Halifax published a new tariff this month. This shows that the mortgage discharge fee is £40 unless the mortgage has run more than ten years. Despatching title deeds costs £15 but inspecting costs £30 unless at a solicitor's office, storing them costs £10 when the mortgage is completed and £10 a year thereafter. This annual fee was introduced two years ago and is waived if Halifax buildings cover is taken. The charge for converting from an endowment to a repayment loan is £40. Taking a tenant costs £50 and answering a questionnaire costs £40 plus VAT. There is no fee for duplicate or interim statements. The Halifax charges £250 for repossession of a mortgaged property, £40 when an account goes into arrears, and £10 for a missed mortgage payment.

The Alliance & Leicester increased its mortgage redemption fee to £50 last month. It does not charge to retain deeds so long as £1 is left in the mortgage account, or for handling deeds. Inspection of deeds costs £40.

Letting properties costs £75 initially and £30 for each subsequent letting. References for other lenders cost £10 and a questionnaire would cost £40. Converting an endowment mortgage to a repayment one costs £50. Duplicate and interim mortgage statements cost £5.

Midland Bank charges £50 for redeeming a mortgage and, when it is redeemed, safe custody of deeds costs £9.98 a year. Inspecting deeds costs £17.62. Consent to lease costs £30 each time. A full questionnaire for a second mortgage costs £41.13 and a short form costs £14.68. Converting an endowment mortgage costs £50 and duplicate statements cost £5. None of the charges are included in the APR.

The Leeds Permanent charges £30 when a mortgage is redeemed but nothing for storing deeds if £1 is kept in the mortgage account. Copies of the deeds cost £17 plus VAT. There is no charge for an inspection, but £30 for handling. Those letting properties are charged £50 as are those who convert endowment loans. Building societies are not charged for questions relating to second mortgages, but banks and other lending institutions are charged £12 for a brief report and £40 for a detailed one. There is no charge for duplicate or interim statements. Only the handling fees are included in the APR.

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Co-op tightens time limit on credit cards

THE 200,000 Co-operative Bank customers who have had their standard Visa credit card converted to the bank's free-from-fees Robert Owen card have to move quickly if they want to avoid paying interest (Lindsay Cook writes).

Since the beginning of this month, cardholders who were used to having up to 25 days to pay their bills from the statement date have had only 15 days if they intend to pay in full and escape interest charges. Those who only want to pay in part have 25 days.

The schedule is a bit tight for those who want to pay in full. One customer who received his bill on February 13 was given a payment date of February 23 to avoid any interest being charged for the up to 2.2 per cent a month an an annual percentage rate of 29.84 per cent. The card is cheaper for bigger spenders and those who pay by direct debit.

The bank says that seven working days must be allowed for payments to reach the account. The 23rd is the seventh day. Those who want to be sure of avoiding interest have the option of paying in full each month by direct debit. The debit will be made on the payment date.

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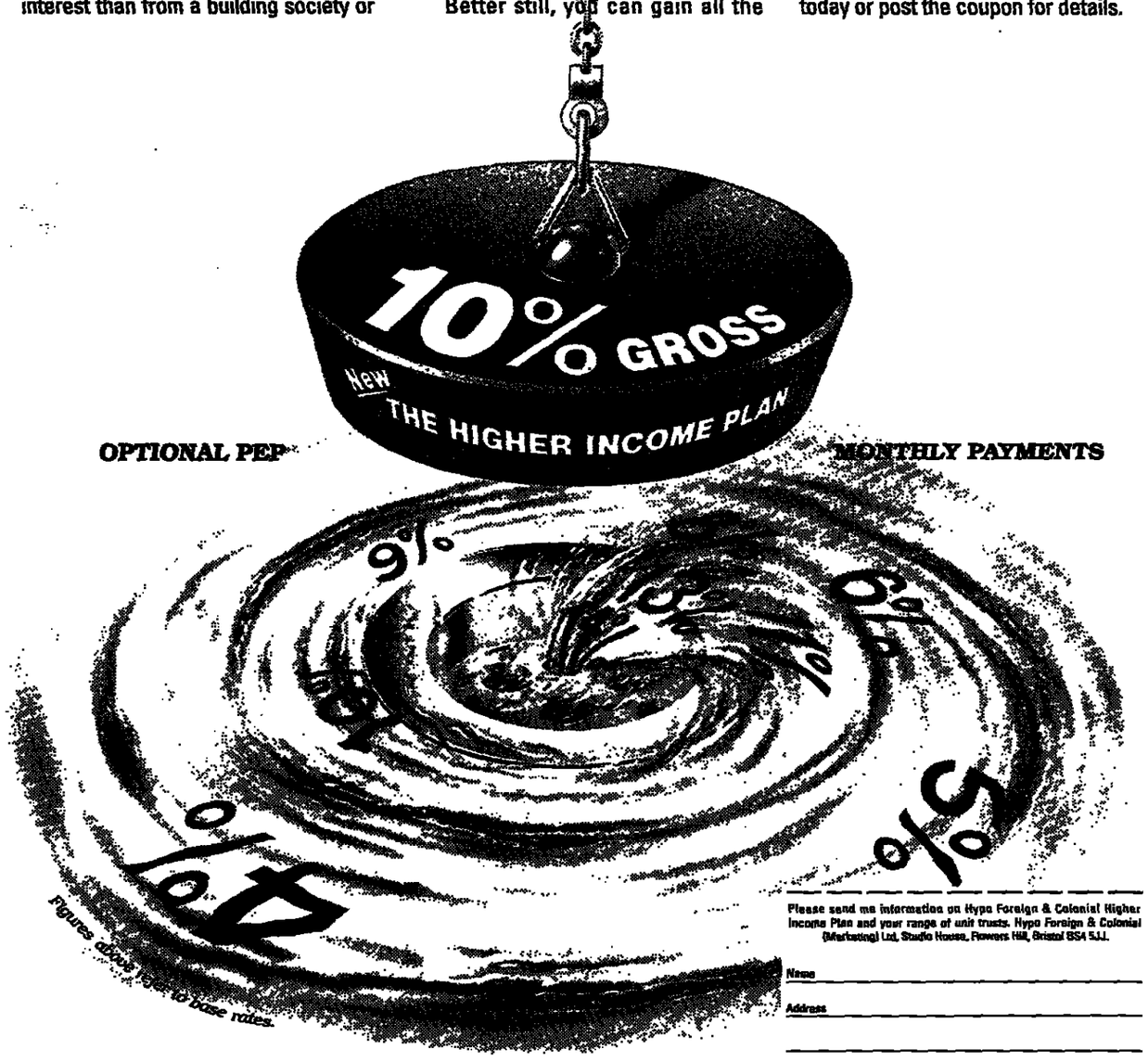
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Charities fall victim to profits squeeze

By Liz Dolan



Helping handicapped: robotic arms are among the projects receiving funds but needing more

COMPANY donations to charity fell 1.5 per cent last year, according to the Charities Aid Foundation. The downward trend is expected to be much steeper this year as the squeeze on profits intensifies.

A CAF research project, on which field work finishes this week, is expected to show that while donations from companies, local authorities and the government decline, charities are being asked to do more, especially in areas such as children's needs, employment and health, which previously qualified for state aid.

Pearl Assurance has decided to change the way it gives to charity in an effort to improve efficiency. The total sum involved is £350,000, more than 0.5 per cent of Pearl's pre-tax profits last year. The new policy will not, initially at least, involve any more money than Pearl normally gives to charity, Ken McKay, head of public relations, admitted. It merely meant a more effective use of funds.

Instead of handing out a few thousand pounds to a large number of charities, Pearl has selected six medically based projects, which will each receive between £60,000 and £75,000. Mr McKay said: "The charities told us that the money we have been giving, although obviously welcome, was usually only enough to, for instance, pay phone bills for a couple of months. We decided it would be more useful to make a really valuable contribution to fewer organisations."

The six were chosen from a potential 67 projects. "We're backing the ones that we think have the best chance of succeeding," Mr McKay said. "It was fun choosing the winners: not so good rejecting the losers, but we had to be tough. We're not a bottomless pit."

Allied Dunbar gave £2.4 million last year, representing 1.25 per cent of pre-tax profits, plus various sums donated by staff. Salaried employees and the self-employed sales force are encouraged to undertake fundraising activities, and some also covenant donations from their monthly income.

Allied Dunbar's policy dates back to 1971, when the company was established. It relates to a decision by the company's founders, rather than any particular initiative by employees. In the case of companies like Pearl, much of the impetus comes from staff, who have to convince the board of the importance of an organisation's role in the community.

Mr McKay said: "At the moment, I feel like a one-winged angel — flying low, but aiming higher for the future." He said he has asked several times why Pearl has yet to set up a payroll-giving scheme similar to Allied Dunbar's and has been told it would be impractical.

Pearl's £350,000 donation will be divided between the British Diabetic Association, which will receive £60,000 to fund a three-year project to develop better techniques for transplanting human insulin cells, thus freeing diabetics from the need for injections.

The British Lung Foundation will receive £75,000 to investigate the causes of occupational lung disease, which affects one in ten people in the UK.

The Phoenix Appeal, set up after the King's Cross tube station fire, is given £60,000 for work on scars from burns and scalds.

A further £60,000 will be used by Staffordshire University to develop a robotic arm for handicapped people, and a similar sum will help the Multiple Sclerosis Society buy special equipment for use in care centres.

Aspire, a charity for people with spinal injuries, will receive £40,000 to fund the development of a special gadget that will allow quadriplegics to use their tongues to operate computers, wheelchairs and other vital pieces of equipment.

Pep offers ethical option

ALLCHURCHES Investment Management Services, the investment arm of Ecclesiastical Insurance, is offering tax-free investment in an ethical fund through a personal equity plan launched this week (Sara McConnell writes).

Up to £6,000 can be invested in the Amity Fund, an ethical fund that invests in companies "making a positive contribution to the quality of individual and community life and protecting the environment". Companies involved in pollution control, waste management, energy conservation, housing, education, home safety and health care could be included. Those with interests in repressive regimes, alcohol, tobacco, gambling and armaments will be avoided.

Alternatively, investors can opt for the income builder fund, which invests mainly in UK equities with some convertibles and fixed-interest stocks, and aims to produce an above-average income and long-term capital growth.

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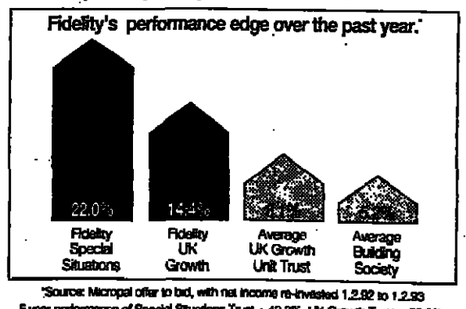
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Cost of Pep may outweigh benefits

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE cost of investing in unit trust personal equity plans has been cut by several groups in recent months, but for investors who want to choose their own shares, the costs can still outweigh the tax benefits of the plans.

Those considering selling shares that they currently hold and reinvesting the proceeds in a single-company Pep before the end of the financial year in April, are likely to benefit if they have substantial holdings of shares that they plan to shelter from capital gains tax when they finally dispose of them.

Single-company Peps have an investment limit of £3,000 a year. They became available at the beginning of last year, to increase the maximum total investment each year to £9,000.

The cost of sheltering shares from tax was brought home to one investor when he analysed the return on his Abbey National shares before and after they were put into a personal equity plan.

He started with 875 shares, which paid him a total dividend income of £86.18 after tax in 1991. In May last year, he received a further £61.25. Two weeks later, he converted the shares into a single-company Henderson Pep.

To pay the initial costs, he put only 850 shares into the plan.

The Pep's dividends are paid in January and July, so no more payouts were due in 1992. On January 22, a payment of £24.95 was received after expenses had been deducted.

The investor had taken the plan to improve his dividend payments and is dissatisfied that his income has fallen from £86.18 in year one to £61.25 in year two, and so far he has received £24.95 this year for the October payment. The gross dividend for the 850 shares was £32.30.

Personal equity plans are free of income tax on dividends and capital gains tax on any gains.

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In cases where shares are jointly held, both allowances can be applied to one shareholding.

TED BATH



"Once bitten, twice shy": Elizabeth and Roger de Vere, who lost more than half of their capital in 18 months

Promising income plans can erode capital invested

By Sara McConnell

THE search for regular, guaranteed income has intensified as building societies continue to cut savers' rates. Investors are being tempted by products promising that their income will be high and guaranteed. However, they should check where this income is coming from as some policies generate income by digging into the capital investment. There could also be high charges for investments that combine several types of savings contract.

Investors taking out one such policy offering a guaranteed rate of income over five years could find themselves being paid back part of their original investment as income while eroding their capital.

The Monthly Income Plan promises high guaranteed regular payments over five years. One part of the investment goes into a personal equity plan to generate capital. The other, which is intended to generate income, is paid partly into a building society and partly into guaranteed growth bonds. Each year, a payment from the bond tops up the money in the building society account to provide the income for the following year.

However, the quotation offered to one potential investor by New Direction Finance, the firm that designed the fund, shows that the income projected to be paid out by the growth bond comes almost solely from the capital investment. Of the £10,000 investment, £3,644 is put into guaranteed growth bonds, with £1,040 going into a Nationwide building society account. The £1,040 will pay the first year's monthly income. The remaining £5,316 is put into a Pep for capital growth and does not contribute to the generation of the monthly income.

Hybrid plans are devised for people who do not have the ability to devise them themselves

The investor was promised a guaranteed net income of £76.25 a month for five years, plus any interest earned by money while it is in the building society account. The total income paid out over the five years is £4,575. Assuming an average balance of £600 in the building society, interest could be about £70 over five years, making a total payout of £4,645 at the end of the term of the investment, less than the capital invested. There is no growth on capital invested in the guaranteed growth bonds. The quotation says that the monthly income represents a return of 9.15 per cent a year. Guaranteed growth bonds are insurance policies. Premiums are invested in the life fund of the company offering the investment, in this case Aegon Life. Capital growth and income on such investments is taxed within the fund. This is made clear in the Monthly Income Plan brochure. However, it does not make clear that non-taxpayers cannot reclaim tax already deducted from income payments. Investors surrendering the plan before the five years are up are not likely to get back what they put in.

The investor was sent the quotation in response to an enquiry she had made to an advertisement placed by IFG Financial Services, a Fimbra registered independent financial adviser. David McGee, the firm's compliance officer, said income paid out, to a large extent, came from the capital invested in the building society account and the guaranteed bonds. He said: "It is a package. People are getting a level of income." The firm had received several letters pointing out that the payment of income depended on eroding the capital. "It is not unusual for someone to work it out," Mr McGee said.

IFG is one of about 200 firms selling this plan. It receives commission of 3 per cent of the investment. New Direction Finance also charges an administration fee of 0.25 per cent and an extra, unspecified charge relating to the cost of gilts.

Geoff Spittles, marketing director of New Direction Finance, said that people were paying for the "skill and ability" of those who devised the plan.

He said: "Hybrid plans like this are designed specifically because most people have not got the skill or ability to design them themselves."

Investors putting their money into equity investments intended to generate high income are not told their income is guaranteed. But their capital can be severely eroded if a fund manager's investment strategy goes wrong, as Roger de Vere and his wife, Elizabeth, discovered. They lost half their capital in only 18 months. The couple invested £12,828 of their retirement savings in the Aetna Higher Income Portfolio Pep in March 1991. By September 1992, they were told the company had decided to wind up compulsorily the fund because of severe capital losses. The plan had held a spread of between eight and ten equities.

Nick Malaczynski, Aetna's marketing director, said: "We aimed to provide a high level of income but we only had a small spread of equities and it only needs one or two of them to go down. With hindsight, it was at the end of the 1980s boom."

The de Veres and other investors in the fund were told they could transfer to a unit trust-based Pep with a spread of up to 60 stocks. This would be less risky.

However, the de Veres decided they were "once bitten, twice shy" and asked for their money back. They received £6,376.92.

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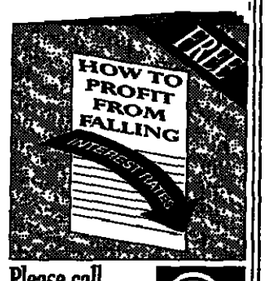
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Taking the risk out of weddings

Liz Dolan reports on Cornhill's improved insurance policy, designed to guard against all eventualities on the big day



A day to remember: photographers are the biggest source of problems, Cornhill says

WEDDINGS are not always the rose-tinted idylls described in society magazines and Mills and Boon novels. Plenty of things can go wrong that leave organisers financially as well as socially embarrassed.

Cornhill Insurance, which has just launched an improved version of its awkwardly named Weddingsurance policy in time for the annual spring weddingfest, cites examples.

Photographers are the most fertile source of problems, apparently. They forget to load cameras, ruin films during processing or simply fail to turn up. One had a better excuse than most when his wife went into premature labour as the wedding was about to begin. Another's car was stolen and wrecked by joyriders.

Brides appear to be made of sterner stuff than their partners. Cornhill gives two examples of bridegrooms succumbing to last-minute illnesses (appendicitis and meningitis) but none involving brides.

Other claims have involved a wedding dress ruined by a small boy and his finger paints.

A growing problem in the recession is that of reception venues suddenly going bankrupt, involving the loss of large deposits and the need either to find alternative accommodation at extra cost or to cancel the whole event.

The basic Weddingsurance package costs £45: pessimists, or those planning an expensive ceremony, may choose to pay more. Marquees cost extra, as do esoteric extras such as regimental swords, but the spokesman said the basic policy covers most eventualities.

Cancellations are insured up to £2,500. This is a 25 per cent improvement on the previous maximum, but still nowhere near the £7,000 that Cornhill says is the cost of the average wedding. However, this includes honeymoons, which do not figure in the Weddinsurance package.

Cancellation must be for unforeseen catastrophes, such as death, injury, illness or unemployment of the bride, groom, or close relatives; the closure of the venue for ceremony or reception, or the non-appearance of transport — and not simply because the family discovers it cannot afford the wedding, a spokesman said.

The cost of retaking photographs is insured up to £1,000, as is the loss of, or damage to, the bride's and bridesmaids' dresses, hired menswear and presents. Maximum cover for accidental injury or damage to property is £1 million, although the insured have to pay the first £100 of a claim for damage to hired premises. Other claims are subject to a £25 excess.

The package includes a legal helpline, which advises on anything from the drawing up of pre-nuptial agreements to problems with hotels that renege on pre-agreed conditions.

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Insurance trap for jobless

NEWLY unemployed people could lose substantial sums in lost benefits, or credit insurance payouts, if they fail to register with their local employment offices as soon as possible after losing their jobs (Liz Dolan writes).

Insurers normally require anyone with redundancy cover to sign on immediately. People who have been made redundant are entitled to benefits from day one, irrespective of any redundancy cheques received, but credit insurers often wait a few months before starting monthly payments.

Many people with bank loans, or credit cards, may not even be aware that these are covered by insurance policies. They may have failed to spot application form instructions advising them to tick a box if they did not want to pay premiums. Others may have forgotten policies' existence since signing credit agreements. Such policies normally cost only a pound or two, automatically added to the monthly bill.

Mortgage borrowers will normally have made a conscious decision to take out redundancy cover.

However, even they may not be fully aware of the terms and conditions of their policies. One reader said: "It did not occur to me to register when I lost my job because, in those days, I had enough savings to live on and didn't need to claim any money from the state." He did not hurry to notify the company with which his mortgage repayments were insured because the policy required him to meet the first two months' repayments.

Too late, he discovered that the DSS would also have paid at least part of the mortgage payment not covered by his insurance policy.

Medical service hit by swindler

BY TONY HETHERINGTON

A MEDICAL helicopter service has had its wings clipped after losing more than £50,000 to a "Walter Mitty" fraudster who, its organisers claim, was given a clean bill of health by the Sun Alliance insurance company.

Swindler Philip Witcomb was introduced to Careflight, a medical helicopter service attached to the threatened St Bartholomew's Hospital, by Sun Alliance representatives in Harlow, Essex.

Captain Ian Evans, Careflight's aviation director, says he was told by Paul Trenholm, a Sun Alliance consultant, that he and his colleagues had access to investment funds that might assist the scheme.

Captain Evans met Trenholm, his Sun Alliance boss, Dominic Russell, and a senior financial consultant with the company, Dermot Eustace. It was Mr Eustace, he says, who introduced him to Philip Witcomb. When Witcomb met Careflight officials, he asked whether they would arrange private flights for him.

Dr Aubrey Bristow, Careflight's medical director, said: "When a specific request to fly to Switzerland was received from Witcomb, we called our Sun Alliance contact, Mr Eustace. He said credit references on Mr Witcomb had been taken up by Sun Alliance as they were negotiating 'substantial business' with him, and he was indeed creditworthy."

Captain Evans agreed: "Eustace gave me a verbal assurance that banking references had been taken up on Witcomb by Sun Alliance, and he was insistent that we should extend Witcomb credit lest our 'deal' be jeopardised."

Careflight then provided Witcomb with flights costing £52,000, but Witcomb failed to pay a penny. Last week, at Guildford Crown Court, he was convicted on three charges of fraud and remanded for sentencing on March 5.

Detective Constable Mike Ashton of Essex Police said of Witcomb: "When we started checking into his background, we found out that he had been made bankrupt. He stated in court that he owns companies in Spain and he is owed a lot of money. We were assisted by Interpol, but it was very difficult to substantiate one way or the other — except that he was definitely a bankrupt."

When it became clear that Witcomb could not pay Careflight, Dr Bristow and Captain Evans contacted Sun Alliance's head office. They were told that Mr Eustace, its senior financial consultant in Harlow, had been acting privately in his talks with Careflight, while simultaneously selling Sun Alliance products.

Dr Bristow says the company finally admitted it was doing business with Witcomb and had ordered a credit check on him. However, the results of the check were not received and had never been followed up.

A Sun Alliance spokeswoman confirmed the company's denial of responsibility for the damage to Careflight. She said: "We do not have a liability towards Dr Bristow or Careflight because the representative, Mr Eustace, was acting in a private capacity when he effected the introduction between Dr Bristow and Mr Witcomb. We believe that on no occasion did he offer any assurance as to Mr Witcomb's ability to pay for his flights, or any assurances regarding his financial position." Sun Alliance added that it was not responsible for anything Mr Eustace might have done or said, as he was self-employed.

Mr Eustace himself agreed he did know Mr Witcomb. But, "I don't any more, I am afraid," he said. Told that Careflight was co-operating in the preparation of this article, Mr Eustace said: "Number one, I would prefer my name did not appear. And number two, I want to definitely make sure, hopefully, that the company's name does not appear."

Despite the harm done by Witcomb to a medical service operating on a tight budget, Careflight is still very much in business. Nevertheless, the damage done has been very real. Dr Bristow says: "I would state publicly that this debt will prevent us expanding the service, and will restrict us so that we cannot move all the patients we are asked to move. Patients will suffer and may die as a result."

Lautro to monitor misleading claims

BY SARA MCCONNELL

SOME life offices selling bonds guaranteeing money back or a proportion of stock market growth could be misleading investors by promising gross returns when these cannot be achieved.

From next month the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro), which regulates life offices' marketing activities, will require all companies selling guaranteed-equity bonds to send their literature to the regulator. Offices whose literature is considered misleading could be asked to contact investors to check whether they understood what they were buying.

In some cases, companies could be forced to pay compensation, Lautro said.

An estimated £500 million of these bonds have been sold. They have been heavily marketed as savings rates fall and investors look for returns from other sources. The attraction for nervous investors has been that they are guaranteed their original investment back in most cases. Lump sums are put into investment bonds and growth is normally linked to growth of the FT-SE 100 index of quoted companies.

Lautro is concerned that the rate of growth quoted on some bonds is a gross rate. Income and capital gains on investments in insurance-company bonds are taxed within the fund, so any return will be net of tax. Colin Hawtin, head of policy, said: "Lautro rules say companies must explain to investors what the product is and what is guaranteed. They must not imply the return is gross, because it is taxed within the fund." He said marketing literature should always show charges clearly and make plain whether dividends are included in the growth rate quoted.

Laurentian Life has sent in its literature already and is confident it will be approved. It quoted a return of 115 per cent gross of the FT-SE index's growth for its Capital Protected Bond, which closed on November 30 last year. The company said: "We did make it abundantly clear the rate was subject to tax."

The Securities and Investments Board confirmed yesterday that it had asked the Treasury to look at how similar deposit-based bonds offered by building societies and banks should be regulated. They are not regulated by Lautro.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1 PRELIMINARY

1 DEFINITIONS

(1) "Business Day" means a day on which the Managers of an M&G Unit Trust make a price for the purchase and sale of Units.
"Conditions" means these Conditions together with the application form as from time to time interpreted in accordance with these provisions.
"Crown Employee" means a person holding an office or employment under the Crown which is of a public nature and the emoluments of which are payable out of the public revenue of the United Kingdom or of Northern Ireland.
"IMRO" means the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited.
"Investment" means a holding in a PEP Fund including a Unit or a Share in such a Fund as appropriate.
"Investment Trust" means an investment trust within the meaning of section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, the investment manager of which is an M&G Company.
"M&G Company" means M&G Financial Services Limited and any other company which is a subsidiary or holding company of it or which is a subsidiary of any such holding company for which purpose the expressions "subsidiary" and "holding company" have the same meanings as in section 736 of the Companies Act 1985.
"Nominee" means any person designated by the Plan Manager under Condition 16 and who may be an Associate of the Plan Manager.
"PEP Fund" means a Unit Trust or an Investment Trust Unit or Shares in which shall be nominated by the Plan Manager from time to time to be held in Plans effected under these Conditions.
"Plan" means a Personal Equity Plan effected with the Plan Manager by a Qualifying Individual which is governed by these Conditions.
"Planholder" means an individual who has opened a Plan under these Conditions.
"Plan Manager" means M&G Financial Services Limited.
"Qualifying Individual" means an individual, aged 18 years or over, who was not (except as allowed by the Treasury Regulations) subscribed to any other Personal Equity Plan for the Year or any of the Years for or in respect of which he makes an application to subscribe or subscribes to a Plan under these Conditions, and who is either resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, although non-resident in the United Kingdom, performs duties as a Crown Employee which are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom.
"Shares" means a share in an Investment Trust (including a package or group of shares) and any interest in shares held in accordance with the Treasury Regulations, and shares shall be construed accordingly.
"Share Value" means the sum paid or payable in respect of the allotment or allocation of Shares pursuant to a public offer.
"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations for Personal Equity Plans made on 14th March 1989 and any other regulations made from time to time by H.M. Treasury under the provisions of s.333 and Schedule 29 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and s.151 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.
"Units" means units in a Unit Trust and any fractions or decimals thereof (to the nearest one hundredth of a Unit above).
"Unit Trust" means an authorised unit trust scheme which is a securities scheme or fund of funds as defined in the Treasury Regulations and in the case of which an order is in force under section 78 of the Financial Services Act 1986, the Manager of which is an M&G Company.
"Year" means a year beginning on 6th April in any year and ending with 5th April in the following year.

(2) References to any statutory provision or to regulations made thereunder include any modification or re-enactment thereof or of the regulations.
(3) References to gender shall be taken to refer to either gender.
(4) Headings are included for the purpose of guidance and are not part of these Conditions.
(5) The application form shall be treated as part of these Conditions and in case of conflict shall have precedence.

2 INTRODUCTION

(1) The Plan Manager is a member of IMRO and as such is regulated by IMRO in the conduct of its investment business.
(2) The Plan Manager agrees to act as such in relation to the Plan to which the application form relates.
(3) The Plan Manager will from time to time nominate Income Units in Unit Trusts and/or Shares in Investment Trusts for the purposes of Plans effected under these Conditions.
(4) The investment objective of the Planholder shall be taken to be to invest in one or more PEP Funds as he selects in accordance with these Conditions.
(5) The Plan Manager is entitled to act as principal in transactions with the Plan.

IT THE PLAN

3 APPLICATIONS TO OPEN A PLAN

(1) In order to open a Plan, an individual must be a Qualifying Individual and must subscribe to the Plan Manager a duly completed application form and must sign the declaration set out on the form. The applicant must also either subscribe:
(a) a cheque for his initial subscription together with a duly completed direct debit instruction; or
(b) a cheque for an amount not in excess of the subscription limit for the Year to which the application is made;
or the applicant must sign a form transferring or renouncing to the Plan Manager his right to Shares in an Investment Trust which is a PEP Fund which Shares have been allotted or allocated to him in a public offer. If the applicant so transfers or renounces he must also submit a cheque for such Initial Charge together with VAT as may be stated on the application form.
(2) The Plan will be opened when the Planholder's application for the Plan has been accepted by the Plan Manager and for this purpose the application will be treated as having been accepted:-
(a) on receipt by the Plan Manager as determined by (3) below of a duly completed application form together with a cheque or a cheque and a duly completed direct debit instruction in respect of the cash subscription; or
(b) seven days after actual receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed application form and a form of transfer or renunciation duly completed together with a cheque for any Initial Charge plus VAT).
(3) For the purposes of (2)(a) above, the Plan Manager shall be treated as having received the application form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription upon the day of actual receipt of such documents if they are received at M&G House, Chelmsford not later than 9.15 a.m. on any Business Day or the Business Day following receipt if they are received after that time.
(4) Unless we applies, it indicates otherwise on his application form, the form will be taken to authorise subscriptions to be made in the Plan in accordance with Condition 5 below unless and until the Planholder or the Plan Manager notifies the other in writing to the contrary. The Plan will be governed by these Conditions, as varied in accordance with Condition 25 below.

PLANS EFFECTED BEFORE 1ST JUNE 1989

This Condition applies to any Plan opened or started from any Plan or Plans opened on or before 31st May 1989, which Plan or Plans are treated as a single Plan with effect on 1st June 1989, to which subscriptions can be made in accordance with Condition below.

PLAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

) The Plan must be the only general Personal Equity Plan to which the Planholder subscribes in any Year but he may subscribe to his Plan in Years following that in which it is opened in accordance with any requirements of the Treasury Regulations or of the Board of Inland Revenue.
) A Planholder may discontinue subscriptions to his Plan either temporarily or permanently without penalty and without prejudice to the continuation of the Plan but he may not subscribe to a Plan after he chooses in accordance with Condition 8 below.
(3) Save cash subscriptions to the Plan during a Year when utilised in the Share Value of any Shares repurchased or allocated to the Plan in that Year may not exceed the annual subscription limit.
(4) A Planholder can subscribe to a Plan either by paying an amount of cash to the Plan Manager or by transferring or surrendering to the Plan Manager his right to Shares in an Investment Trust which is a PEP Fund which Shares have been allocated or allotted to him in a public offer.
(5) Where the Planholder has only subscribed to the Plan by transferring or surrendering to the Plan Manager Shares in an Investment Trust the Planholder may by agreement with the Plan Manager make cash subscriptions to the Plan whether in that Year or in future Years.
(6) If at any time a Planholder ceases to be a Qualifying Individual he shall not thereafter make any subscriptions to a Plan.

5 TRANSFER OF PLANS

(1) The Planholder may at any time by written request to the Plan Manager direct the Plan Manager either such sums as shall be agreed between the Planholder and the Plan Manager to transfer the Plan (and at the option of the Planholder the proceeds of sale of the investments comprised in the Plan together with any cash balance and any other rights held in an Plan) to another plan manager who:
(a) fulfils the conditions in the Treasury Regulations;
(b) is approved by the Board of Inland Revenue to act as a plan manager; and
(c) agrees to accept the transfer.
(2) Where the Planholder has exercised his option under (1) of this Condition the investments will be sold immediately prior to the transfer of the Plan.
(3) Where the Plan is transferred pursuant to a direction given under (1) of this Condition, the Plan Manager will transfer the investments held in the Plan (or the proceeds of sale thereof) as directed and if the Planholder has so agreed, any cash and any or transfer any cash balance and any other rights directly to the new plan manager.
(4) Notwithstanding (1) and (3) above, the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any payment to transfer any taxes due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions.
(5) Where investments in a Plan to be transferred in accordance with these Conditions include fractions of Units, such fractions shall notwithstanding that the Planholder has not exercised his option under (1) above be sold and the proceeds of sale paid to the new plan manager.
(6) Notwithstanding that a direction has been given to transfer the Plan to another plan manager, these Conditions shall apply until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged.

7 WITHDRAWALS

(1) A Planholder may at any time by written request to the Plan Manager direct the Plan Manager to transfer or pay to him all or any of the investments comprised in the Plan and the whole or part of the cash balance and of any other rights held in the Plan which shall be realised for the purposes of this.
(2) Where a Planholder makes a written request under (1) above and does not specify to it that the investments in respect of which the request is made are to be transferred in specie, the Plan Manager will, within such time as the Plan Manager decides, sell or realise such investments and will, on the receipt of a duly application to a sale or realisation, pay or transfer the proceeds of sale and any cash balance and any other rights which can be transferred, as appropriate, to the Planholder.
(3) Notwithstanding (1) above, the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any payment or transfer:
(a) any sums due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions, and
(b) a sum determined by the Plan Manager to represent the tax liabilities of the Planholder in connection with the Plan for which the Plan Manager is or may be accountable under the Treasury Regulations.
(4) Where investments in a Plan are to be transferred in specie in accordance with this Condition include fractions of Units, such fractions shall be sold and the proceeds of sale paid to the Planholder.

8 CLOSURE OF PLANS

(1) The Plan shall be closed with immediate effect in the following circumstances:
(a) on the Plan Manager giving written notice of closure to the Planholder if it becomes impractical to comply with the Treasury Regulations;
(b) in accordance with Conditions 14 below, if the Inland Revenue treat the Plan as void under the Treasury Regulations;
(c) on expiry of reasonable written notice given by the Plan Manager to the Planholder of the Plan Manager's intention to cease to act as a plan manager;
(d) where, after a Planholder withdraws all of the investments and any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan either:
(i) the Plan Manager receives a written request to that effect from the Planholder, or
(ii) the Treasury Regulations do not or no longer allow the Planholder to make further subscriptions to his Plan.
(2) Where a Plan closes, the Plan Manager will transfer to the Planholder all the investments and any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan except that where the investments include fractions of Units, such fractions shall be sold and the proceeds of sale paid to the Planholder.
(3) During the period of notice mentioned in (1)(c) of this Condition, the Planholder may give the Plan Manager a written request under Conditions 6 or 7 above before the Plan Manager ceases to act as such and the Plan Manager will comply with any such request.
(4) A Plan will close without prejudice to the completion of transactions already started.
(5) Notwithstanding (1) above, the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any payment or transfer:
(a) any sums due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions, and
(b) a sum determined by the Plan Manager to represent the tax liabilities of the Planholder in connection with the Plan for which the Plan Manager is or may be accountable under the Treasury Regulations.
(6) Notwithstanding that a Plan has been closed, these Conditions shall apply until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged.

III INVESTMENT

9 CASH SUBSCRIPTIONS

(1) The Plan Manager will apply cash subscriptions made by the Planholder in purchasing Units in one or more Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds in accordance with the Planholder's selection on his application form or the agreement reached under Condition 5(5) above.
(2) The Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager direct that future cash subscriptions to the Plan shall be applied by the Plan Manager in purchasing Units in another Unit Trust or other Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds then available for the application of cash subscriptions and which the Planholder shall select.

10 DEALING

(1) Subject to Condition 11 below all purchases and sales of Units will be made by the Plan Manager at the offer price or bid price calculated as at the regular valuation point of the particular Unit Trust next following the receipt of written instructions or sale instructions or a subscription made by direct debit or an income payment or a tax repayment by the Plan as appropriate.
(2) All sales of Shares will be made by the Plan Manager at or about 2.30 p.m. on the Business Day on which written sale instructions are received. All written sale instructions relating to the sale of Shares received by M&G House, Chelmsford after 9.15 a.m. on any Business Day shall be treated as received on the next Business Day.

11 SWITCHING

The Planholder may by written request to the Plan Manager and in accordance with the brochure direct that:
(a) Units held in the Plan shall be sold and the proceeds of sale applied immediately prior to 9.15 a.m. on the following Business Day in purchasing Units in another Unit Trust or other Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds available for the application of cash subscriptions; or that
(b) Shares held in the Plan shall be sold and immediately prior to 9.15 a.m. on the applicable Stock Exchange settlement date the proceeds of sale applied in purchasing Units in one or more Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds available for the application of cash subscriptions.

12 THE PLAN

(1) The Plan includes the Planholder's investments in PEP Funds together with any cash balances and all income and bonus rights and the benefit of any tax relief in respect of the investments and any interest arising on the deposit of cash balances in the Fund.
(2) All cash received in the Plan including subscriptions, income, tax repayments and the proceeds of sale of investments will be credited to a sterling client account maintained by the Plan Manager with a recognised bank(as within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987 and will be applied by the Plan Manager in accordance with these Conditions and in any event within ten days of being received in accordance with these Conditions.
(3) All proceeds being the sale of investments shall be applied in the purchase of further investments pursuant to Conditions 10 and 11 above, unless the Planholder instructs the Plan Manager that such proceeds are to be
(a) transferred to another plan manager pursuant to Condition 6 above; or
(b) paid to the Planholder pursuant to Condition 7 above.

13 INVESTMENT OF PLAN INCOME

(1) Subject to (2) below and any election made by the Planholder pursuant to Condition 14, all investments and any cash balances and tax repayments attributable to an investment in a PEP Fund will be applied in purchasing further Units or (subject to the payment of the Initial Charge plus VAT as provided in Condition 22) in purchasing or subscribing for further Shares in that investment but any cash balances arising on the purchase of further Shares in a PEP Fund shall be carried forward and added to future income distributions or tax repayments in respect of that Fund.
(2) Income being dividends received in respect of Shares will be applied first in the payment of the Plan Manager's annual fee calculated in accordance with Condition 22 below.

14 PAYMENTS OF PLAN INCOME

(1) The Planholder may by written request to the Plan Manager elect to receive the dividends paid on Shares together with any tax repayments. Any annual charge payable in accordance with Condition 22 below shall be deducted from any payments to the Planholder pursuant to this Condition.
(2) The Planholder may by written request to the Plan Manager elect to receive distributions and tax repayments attributable to Units held in an Investment held in a Plan so that such distributions and tax repayments are not reinvested in accordance with Condition 13(1) above. No election may, however, be made in respect of any Unit Trust unless
(a) £500 or more of the Planholder's cash subscriptions to the Plan have been invested in that Unit Trust; and
(b) the Plan Manager has ascertained that Unit Trust as one in respect of which the payment of Plan income is currently available.
(3) A written request to the Plan Manager under (1) or (2) above shall be made in the form provided for the purpose by the Plan Manager and the election shall come into effect seven Business Days after it has been received by the Plan Manager.
(4) A written request under (1) or (2) above may be withdrawn by a further written request to the Plan Manager which shall take effect seven Business Days after the Plan Manager receives it.
(5) Income payments will be made in accordance with the Planholder's mandate instructions shortly after receipt.

15 VOID PLANS

These Conditions shall continue to be enforceable between the Plan Manager and the Planholder unless and until the Inland Revenue treat the Plan as void under the Treasury Regulations or which time the Plan will immediately close.

16 BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(1) The Planholder will at all times be the beneficial owner of the investments and cash balances and of any other rights from time to time held in the Plan.
(2) Without prejudice to the generality of (1) above, the Planholder will not dispose of or transfer any manner in such investments or any cash rights or cash balances, and will not create (or have outstanding) any charge or security on or over any such investments or any such rights or cash balances.

IV ADMINISTRATION

17 TAX REPAYMENTS

In accordance with the Treasury Regulations, the Plan Manager will make all necessary claims for tax relief relating to investments in PEP Funds and rights and cash balances which are held in the Plan.

18 REGISTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

(1) Investments will be registered in the name of the Plan Manager or, if the Plan Manager so designates, in the name of a Nominee.
(2) Subject to the Treasury Regulations, the Planholder hereby authorises the Plan Manager to make all such directions and instructions to any Nominee as the Plan Manager considers appropriate for the discharge of the Plan Manager's responsibilities under these Conditions and accepts that the Plan Manager will not be responsible for the defaults of the Nominee.
(3) All documents of or evidencing title in respect of investments and any cash and other rights will be held by or to the order of the Plan Manager.
(4) Investments and rights may not be lent to any third party and no borrowing may be made against the security of any investments.

19 INFORMATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

(1) The Plan Manager will refrain from exercising any voting rights attaching to Shares or Units, unless and until the Planholder has elected to exercise such rights himself under (2) below.
(2) The Planholder may either in the space provided on the application form on giving any shorter prior written notice to the Plan Manager elect as respects investments which become held in the Plan:
(a) in the case of an investment in Units in a Unit Trust to be sent the annual accounts of the Unit Trust together with the reports issued by its Manager;
(b) to attend meetings of unitholders and shareholders;
(c) to exercise voting rights; and
(d) to receive additional information issued to unitholders and shareholders and the election (whichever by written request given by the Planholder to the Plan Manager.
(3) The Plan Manager will arrange for the Planholder to be sent the annual report and accounts of any investment Trust Shares which are held as an investment in a Plan.

20 STATEMENTS

(1) The Period of Account for the purposes of this Condition will be the six months ending on 30th June and 31st December in every Year, and for each such period in which it is required to do so by the rules of IMRO the Plan Manager will send to the Planholder a plan statement prepared by reference to the last day in that period. The first Period of Account shall commence when the Plan comes into force and will end on the commencement of the next complete Period of Account.
(2) The plan statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager is required to give by the Treasury Regulations and the Rules of IMRO in relation to the purchase or disposal of investments the plan statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager would have had to include in contract notes under the IMRO Rules had contract notes been sent to the Planholder under the IMRO Rules.
(3) The Plan Manager will if the Planholder requests it to do so, give sight of and supply to a Planholder copies of all entries in his books relating to the Plan.

21 INFORMATION FOR PLAN MANAGER

(1) The Planholder will supply the Plan Manager with all information which the Plan Manager reasonably requires for the purposes of the Plan and in particular will promptly inform the Plan Manager of any change in his home address.
(2) The Planholder will immediately inform the Plan Manager in writing if he ceases to be resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, or if, while non-resident, he ceases to perform duties as a Crown Employee.

22 FEES

(1) To the extent that the investments in the Plan are Units (2) to (4) below apply and to the extent that such investments are Shares (5) to (7) below apply.
(2) The Manager (whether or not an Associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) of Unit Trusts in which the Plan Manager's investments will receive any initial charge included in the offer price of Units acquired for the Plan, together with the annual management fees of such Unit Trusts, and any other expenses and charges which are properly paid to the Manager of the Unit Trusts (whether in its capacity as manager or otherwise) out of the property of the Unit Trusts.
(3) The Manager of the Unit Trusts referred to in (2) above will at the appropriate times pay the Plan Manager sums equivalent to such proportion of the initial charge and annual management fee as is attributable to the Units held in the Plan.
(4) The Plan Manager will out of such sums make any payments to M&G Investment Management Limited (which is an Associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) in respect of investment management relating to Units held in the Plan which would otherwise have been paid by the Manager of the Unit Trusts.
(5) The Plan Manager may make an Initial Charge of 5% plus VAT of the Share Value or the cost of purchase or subscription to appropriate of Shares which become investments held in the Plan. The amount will be due and payable to the Plan Manager on acceptance by the Plan Manager of the Planholder's application or in the case of an existing Planholder contemporaneously with the transfer or renunciation of Shares to the Plan Manager or purchase of or subscription for further Shares as provided in Condition 5(4) and Condition 13 respectively. The Plan Manager may at its discretion rebate all or part of this charge or waive it in any particular circumstances.
(6) The Plan Manager will also be entitled to make an annual charge amounting to one quarter per cent per annum in respect of investments held in the Plan which are Shares. The charge will
(a) be due in advance in twelve equal instalments on the first Business Day of every month;
(b) be calculated on the mid-market value of the Shares as quoted by any recognised stock exchange at 2.30 p.m. on the days mentioned in (a); and
(c) be payable quarterly in arrear on such dates in each year as the Plan Manager shall at its absolute discretion determine or in respect of Shares which are sold then the annual charge which will be payable for an appointed part of the period on the date upon which such Shares are sold.
The Plan Manager will exercise its discretion under (c) above so as to attempt to ensure that the annual charge is defrayed out of cash held in the Plan and in particular any sums received pursuant to taxation and trust dividends paid in respect of Shares held in the Plan.
(7) The investment manager (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) of Investment Trusts in which the Plan invests or any Investment Trust as appropriate may pay to the Plan Manager sums equivalent to such charges, fees and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager in respect of such unitholdings, managing and other services (including the function of Registrar) as it may perform in respect of the Investment Trust and any public offer in relation thereto.

23 DISCHARGE OF OBLIGATIONS TO THE PLAN MANAGER

To the extent that payment of any sum due to the Plan Manager (whether in respect of fees or otherwise) cannot be made out of cash held in a Plan, the Plan Manager may at its discretion sell investments held in the Plan and apply the proceeds of sale in payment of such sum.

24 INDEMNITY

The Planholder agrees for himself and his personal representatives to indemnify the Plan Manager and the Nominee and all its fees to keep the Plan Manager and the Nominee indemnified in respect of all liabilities, taxes, costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager and the Nominee (except when caused by their own negligence) in connection with the establishment, administration and closure of the Plan and any investments, deposit or holding of Shares under the Plan.

V GENERAL

25 VARIATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THESE CONDITIONS

The Plan Manager may at any time and from time to time by written notice to the Planholder make such changes in and to these Conditions as it shall determine provided that no such change shall be made which results in the Plan ceasing to qualify under the Treasury Regulations, and the Plan Manager will give reasonable notice of such changes to Planholders in circumstances relevant.

26 GOVERNING LAW

These Conditions and the relationship between the Plan Manager and the Planholder shall be governed by English law.

27 DEATH

(1) The tax exemptions applicable to the Plan will terminate automatically on the Planholder's death.
(2) Subject to such formalities as the Plan Manager may specify, it shall pay or transfer the investments comprised in the Plan (or at the written request of the Planholder's personal representatives the proceeds of sale thereof) and any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan which can be transferred to or to the order of the Planholder's personal representatives.
(3) These Conditions shall continue to apply until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged and payments or transfers have been made in accordance with (2) above.
(4) Where investments in a Plan to be transferred in accordance with (2) above include fractions of Units, such fractions shall be sold and the proceeds of sale paid to or to the order of the Planholder's personal representatives.

28 TREASURY REGULATIONS

The Plan Manager will notify the Planholder if by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the Treasury Regulations the Plan lists or will become void.

29 NOTICES OR REQUESTS

Notices or requests made by the Planholder to the Plan Manager shall be in writing and will be acknowledged by the Plan Manager either verbally or in writing.

30 COMPLAINTS

The Plan Manager operates a written complaint procedure in accordance with the IMRO Rules. The Planholder may address a complaint to the Plan Manager or to IMRO.

31 COMPENSATION

In the event that the Plan Manager is not able to meet its financial liabilities to the Planholder, the Planholder will be entitled to compensation under the Investors' Compensation Scheme established under the Financial Services Act 1986.

HOW THE PLAN WORKS

INVESTMENT

The Managed Income Fund will be a managed portfolio of a selection of M&G's unit trusts and will seek to achieve a gross yield higher than that of the FT All-Share Index, coupled with long-term growth of both income and capital. The Fund will be structured to react to prevailing market conditions. The fund manager will determine the proportion of the Fund to be invested between equity and the fixed interest unit trusts. Up to 40% of the Fund in aggregate, can be invested in The M&G Gilt and Fixed Interest Income Fund and The M&G Treasury Fund giving the Fund a defensive option. Alternatively, up to 100% of the Fund could be invested in M&G's equity-based unit trusts if the manager views the investment climate to be suitable. It is likely that the manager will always retain some investment in the fixed interest funds.
The Fund will comply with the requirements to be a qualifying investment for general Personal Equity Plans which currently require at least half of the assets of underlying unit trusts to be invested in the ordinary shares of companies in the European Community (including the United Kingdom).

MONTHLY INCOME – TAX-FREE

The payments will represent the net income paid on holdings in the Fund, together with the tax reclaimed on your behalf in respect of the income paid two months previously. The twelve distributions can either be paid directly to a bank/building society account, or reinvested free of the initial charge to purchase further units in the Fund. The first distribution will be paid on 21st June 1993.

STATEMENTS

Twice each year we will send you a statement and valuation of your Plan made up to 30th June and 31st December. We will also send you a six-monthly investment report covering all the unit trusts available for investment through the M&G PEP at that time. Copies of the Managers' report of The M&G Managed Income Fund will be supplied free of charge if requested. Certificates are not issued in respect of PEP investments.

WITHDRAWALS

You can withdraw all or part of your plan at any time. Units are sold for you at the price calculated at the next regular valuation point of the Fund after we receive your instructions in writing. Your proceeds will be sent within 4 working days and will be entirely tax-free.
M&G is open from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00p.m. each business day, though all dealing instructions on a PEP must be given in writing.

PRICES AND YIELDS

Prices and yields will appear daily in the Financial Times commencing 2nd March 1993. The starting yield will depend on the market conditions on 1st March 1993, but will aim to be above that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index. As at 23rd December 1992 the estimated gross distribution yield based on the Fund Managers' then anticipated portfolio was 5.01%.

CHARGES

There will be no extra charges for investing in the PEP. All PEP costs will be absorbed in the unit trust management charges of 4.5% initial and an annual charge of 1.5%. These are the only charges payable. There will be no double charging of management fees within the Fund as the Managers' rebate the initial and annual Managers' charges on the underlying unit trusts. The trust deed authorises the managers to impose an initial charge of 5% of the creation price of each unit issued. The trustees' fees will be borne by the managers, although the trust deed authorises these to be charged to the Fund.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE M&G PEP

The completed 1992/93 PEP application form must be accompanied by a cheque made payable to "National Westminster Bank plc A/C M&G Offer" and returned to National Westminster Bank plc, Registrars Department, New Issues Section, PO Box 663, Hartcliffe Way, Bristol BS99 not later than 5.00 a.m. on 26th February 1993 when the initial offer closes. Units will be bought at the initial offer price of 25p. Applications after that date should be returned to M&G at M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB, with cheques made payable to M&G Financial Services Limited. In this case units will be bought at the price calculated as at the next regular valuation point of the Fund after your application has been received.

THE FUTURE

Although you can cash in your PEP at any time, the value of the tax benefits and the benefits of investing through M&G unit trusts should become greater and greater as time goes on. You should therefore use your PEP entitlement every year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The value of a unit trust investment and the income from it can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested.
The value to you of the tax benefits will depend on your own circumstances. The tax regime of PEPs could change in the future.
Your rights as a planholder are defined by The M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan Terms and Conditions set out in this advertisement. The Plan Manager is M&G Financial Services Limited, a member of IMRO, of M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Telephone (0245) 390390. The M&G Managed Income Fund is managed by our sister company, M&G Securities Limited (a member of both IMRO and Lautro) of the same address. The Trustee of The M&G Managed Income Fund is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

NOTES TO HELP YOU IN COMPLETING THE M&G 1992/93 MANAGED INCOME PEP APPLICATION FORM

Note 1 Please give your daytime telephone number so that if a query arises in relation to your form we an attempt to contact you at once and speed up the processing of your application. No salesman will call. Where his business has been introduced via an authorised intermediary, M&G will contact this intermediary.

Note 2 You must supply your National Insurance Number (NINO) and if you know them, your tax district and reference number.

If you are a married women you should supply your own NINO and if you know them, your own tax district and reference number. You should NOT supply those of your husband.

Your NINO may be obtained from your Employer or local Tax Office.

A National Pension Number, where applicable, is an acceptable alternative if you are unable to provide a NINO. A National Health Number is NOT acceptable.

Important: your application may not be accepted unless the relevant information is provided.

Note 3 A tax year runs from 6th April to 5th April of the following year. For example: a plan opened during the period 6th April 1992 to 5th April 1993 would be for the tax year ending 1993.

An investor may subscribe to only one general PEP for any one tax year.

During the initial offer period of The M&G Managed Income Fund, you must apply to invest in round thousands of £1,000, £2,000, £3,000, £4,000, £5,000 or £6,000. The maximum which you may subscribe to a general PEP in any tax year is £6,000.

Your cheque or bankers draft for this application must be made payable to "NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK Plc A/C M&G OFFER" and crossed "A/C Payee."

Note 4 Distributions and tax repayments will be paid by direct credit into your bank or building society. Insert a "Y" in the box to receive monthly income and M&G will send you direct credit instructions which you should complete and return by 25th May, 1993.

Note 5 Under the Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules, an investor is under certain circumstances entitled to cancel his plan and have returned to him the sum invested. These circumstances are set out on the application form. An investor will not get a full refund of the money paid where the purchase price of the investment falls before the Cancellation Notice is received by M&G, because an amount equal to such fall in the purchase price will be deducted from the refund otherwise received.

An investor wishing to cancel must post a Cancellation Notice to M&G on or before the fourteenth day after the date on which he received the Notice of the Right to Cancel.

Note 6 Your M&G PEP is invested in income units. Details of your investment will be shown in the acknowledgement which will be sent to you once your application has been accepted by M&G. For investments made during the initial offer, these acknowledgements will be posted on 12th March, 1993. No certificates are issued to Planholders. It is therefore important that you retain the acknowledgement for your records. Please also retain the Terms and Conditions enclosed. National Westminster Bank will also acknowledge receipt of your application by them.

DECLARATIONS AND AUTHORISATIONS

I declare that

a) I am aged 18 years or over.
b) I am resident and ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes or, though non-resident, perform duties which by virtue of Section 132(4)(a) of the Taxes Act (Crown Employees serving overseas) are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom and will inform M&G Financial Services Limited if I cease to be so resident and ordinarily resident or to perform such duties.
c) I have not subscribed to any other general Personal Equity Plan in or for the current tax year nor for any future tax year in which I subscribe to the Plan.
d) I will not subscribe to any other Personal Equity Plan for any tax year for which I subscribe or shall subscribe to this plan.
e) the subscription which I will make to the Personal Equity Plan will be made with my own money.
f) I will inform M&G Financial Services Limited promptly of any change in my circumstances which affects any of this information.

I hereby authorise M&G Financial Services Limited:

a) to hold my cash subscriptions and the Plan investments, distributions, interest, cash and any other rights or proceeds received in respect of them in the Personal Equity Plan;
b) to make all appropriate claims for tax relief in respect of plan investments on my behalf;
c) on my written request to transfer or pay to me any Plan investments, interest, cash, distributions, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments held in the Plan.

APPLICATION FORM

THE FULL 1992/93 £6,000 M&G MANAGED INCOME PEP

To: National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrars Department, New Issues Section, PO Box 663, Hartcliffe Way, Bristol BS99 1RR.
I irrevocably instruct you to hold this application form together with the attached cheque/bankers' draft as my agent and to submit these to M&G Financial Services Limited not later than 5.00 p.m. on 26th February 1993 (or as soon thereafter as received by you). It is understood that the cheque/banker's draft will not be presented before 26th February, 1993.

DETAILS REQUIRED BY THE INLAND REVENUE — BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other
Full Forenames
Surname
Permanent Address
Postcode
Daytime Telephone No. (See Note 1)

Pin your cheque or bankers' draft here.

IMPORTANT: Your application may not be accepted without your National Insurance Number OR National Pension Number (see Note 2).

National Insurance No.

National Pension No.

Your tax district

and Your tax reference No.

To: M&G Financial Services Limited.
I irrevocably apply to open an M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan for the tax year ending 5th April 1993, or where I have already opened an M&G unit trust Personal Equity Plan for the 1992/3 tax year, I irrevocably make a further cash subscription to that Plan.

I enclose a cheque for as a lump sum subscription to my M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan 1992/93 and request M&G Financial Services Limited as plan manager to apply this in the purchase of units in The M&G Managed Income Fund at the initial offer price of 25 pence (notwithstanding Condition 10(i) of the M&G PEP Terms and Conditions – see above) or where this application is received by M&G Financial Services Limited after 5.00 pm on 26th February 1993 at the price ruling under the M&G PEP Terms and Conditions.
Minimum £1,000, maximum £6,000 in any tax year (see Note 3).

Distributions and tax repayments will be reinvested automatically. If you wish to receive monthly income from your PEP, please indicate "Y" in this box (see Note 4). ☐

If you wish to receive copies of the unit trust Managers' unit trust reports in addition to the six-monthly PEP Fund reports, please indicate "Y" in this box. ☐

If you wish to attend and vote at Unitholder's meetings and to receive additional information sent to Unitholders, please indicate "Y" in this box. ☐

I agree that a Personal Equity Plan opened pursuant to this application will be governed by the M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan Terms and Conditions set out above, and I agree to be bound by them in all respects.

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct and I make the declarations and give the authorisation set out opposite.

Signature **Date**

N.B. This form must be accompanied by a cheque made payable to **National Westminster Bank PLC A/C M&G Offer** (see Note 3).

An individual dealing directly with M&G will not have a right to cancel his Plan under the Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules 1989. During the initial offer, M&G will allow individuals investing through an independent financial adviser a right to cancel in all circumstances (see Note 5).

M&G Ref. No.
Professional Adviser

Commission of up to 3% is payable by M&G Securities Limited to the authorised Professional Adviser named in this box.

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Simplifying social legislation

From Dr Des Keenan

Sir, In 1908 and 1909, Lloyd George and his ally Winston Churchill brought in two of the fundamental pieces of social legislation in this country, the old age pension and the employed workers unemployment insurance.

The basic old age pension was 5 shillings a week, means tested. For some reason, employers were made to pay part of the insurance, and it remains as a pay-roll tax to this day.

Now there is a tangled forest of entitlements. From personal experience, I am convinced that half of the cost arises from correcting the administrators' own errors.

A single mistake by one department affects several others, and the correction has to be negotiated individually with each department.

Reducing and simplifying the system is essential, though reductions will be opposed bitterly.

Concessions, like employers' contributions or redundancy money become established as rights.

The following provisions should be made by the state as a safety net.

1) A basic old age pension equivalent to 5 shillings a week for all with no means test and no work test.

2) The equivalent sum as social security for all the unemployed, men, and women, and children with means and availability for work tests where appropriate.

3) A comprehensive public health service providing essential medical care.

4) Every old age pensioner should have free phone.

These should be paid out of general taxation, for the present national insurance contributions are merely disguised taxes.

For the rest, the government should encourage employers' or mutual benefit insurance schemes for additional health care, income, etc.

These once existed but were destroyed by a socialist bias against self-help.

Both my parents had belonged to contributory pension schemes and ended up in their old age getting less than the feckless who had no other income!

All benefits from personal insurance plans, whether Peps or Scottish Widows should be additional to state benefits: otherwise you may lose more than you gain.

Yours faithfully,
DES KEENAN,
129 Bluebird Walk,
Chalk Hill Road,
Wembley Park,
Middlesex.

Paying the price for a pension

From Mr A. Buckingham

Sir, The government would like us to do more to provide for our own long-term future via private pension schemes.

I had thought it prudent to invest a further £20,000 in my pension scheme as it was tax efficient. Imagine my surprise when I received the confirmation of the charges. The broker would receive 42.11 per cent commission of the start payment. It's not surprising he was happy with £8,422 commission. On top of that, of course, were the start-up charges. It would appear that, out of my £20,000, my scheme would be worth £4,000 odd. I checked with the company and was told that 42.11 per cent is the standard commission within the industry.

I wonder how many of your readers understand this commission? Even more important, do they believe it is a reasonable one? I cancelled my scheme and will try to find out how to deal direct in future.

Yours faithfully,
A. BUCKINGHAM,
Managing Director,
Benham (A. Buckingham) Ltd,
Benham House, The Bayle,
Folkestone, Kent.

Contrast in cost of insurance and banking complaints

From Mr Ramnik Shah

Sir, The policy of the Banking Ombudsman not to grant more than a token £10 costs to successful complainants (Monique Allan story, February 13) may be contrasted with the approach of the Insurance Ombudsman in my case which you reported in your editorial on January 11, 1992.

There, it may be recalled, what had happened was that I had to engage in lengthy correspondence with the Norwich Union before the defective documentation relating to a pension plan policy issued by them was sorted out. They, however, refused payment of a mere £50 which I had sought by way of costs initially and which I later increased to £200 as the matter dragged on, on the basis that I had to use my professional time and resources as a solicitor in dealing with it (or alternatively that a lay person might have had to employ a professional to do so). In the end, the Insurance Ombudsman awarded the latter sum!

Yours faithfully,
RAMNIK SHAH,
118 Seaforth Gardens,
Stoneleigh,
Epsom,
Surrey.

Relative question of paying tax

From Mrs H.W. Aldred

Sir, In the light of your item in *The Times* (February 13) — "Careless taxpayers give government £8 billion bonus a year" — I have been wondering what to do with my mother's income tax. She is 93 and now incapable of signing her name. She lives in a nursing home and I deal with her finances.

The nursing home fees are paid with two pensions, attendance allowance, and the income from building society interest, topping up with capital from time to time.

In the year ending April 5, 1993, with the interest and capital diminishing, she will probably be entitled to increased age allowance, and no longer taxable at 25 per cent.

My problem is that some years ago we organised her building society investments into joint accounts so that I could withdraw as necessary on her behalf.

Last year, I noticed that some of the accounts could be transferred to accounts paying higher interest. When I set about doing this I was told that my mother's signature would be required to open the new account.

I told the building society that she was no longer capable of signing, and they suggested I closed the joint account and opened a new one in my sole name. This I did and continued to use the income solely for her nursing home fees.

If I attempt to get an income tax refund for her, shall I find myself in difficulties since the accounts are ostensibly in my name? I do also have building society accounts of my own, for which, this year, I obtained income tax repayment as a married woman.

I did not declare my mother's accounts (in my name) as I do not regard them as belonging to me.

Yours faithfully,
H.W. ALDRED,
26 Neston Drive,
Chester,
Cheshire.

☐ Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

Charity begins at home

From Mr David L. Underwood

Sir, I was interested to read Lindsay Cook's comments on the government's Give As You Earn scheme in Weekend Money Comment (February 13).

When I was employed in the civil service I contributed to Save the Children from the inception of the scheme.

It was my wish to continue to contribute when I became a civil service pensioner. However, my wishes were thwarted by the fact that the Paymaster General's Office (the pension-paying authority) did not operate the scheme due to the costs involved.

Perhaps the government's attempts to encourage the use of the scheme should start within its own organisation?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. UNDERWOOD,
49 Downlands Close,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.



Barclaycard's 19 pence of stupidity

From K. Bibby

Sir, I was most interested in the letter from Leon Price (February 6) and the waiving of interest charges on Barclaycard resulting from late payment. My experience is of Barclaycard being too quick, to the point of stupidity. My December statement contained only one charge — credit card sentinel at £8, to reach Barclaycard by 4 January. Unfortunately, this had got overlooked until December 31; as there would be no postal collection and no banking the following day, I decided the best option would be to pay in at Barclays Bank on Saturday January 2, and this was duly done.

The next statement dated January 12 indicated payment received on January 6 — interest at 1.79 per cent per month = 0.19p. Minimum payment to reach Barclaycard by February 8, 0.19p. The cost of postage and the envelope would cost 19p; if it had not been that Barclaycard were technically correct, albeit if somewhat stupid — they specify to allow four days if paid via bank, or seven days by post — the card would have been returned in two pieces. As it was, payment of 0.19p was made at the bank on January 27.

Yours faithfully,
K. BIBBY,
"Tauranga",
Luther Lane,
Merthyr Tydfil.

LOW INTEREST RATES AREN'T HELPING SYLVIA

The recent substantial cuts in interest rates are not good news for everyone.

Take Sylvia. With her state pension and the interest from her small savings, she thought she was secure. In the last few months she has seen her income drop and her unpaid bills mount. At 77 she has lost her financial independence, as she can no longer afford to pay her own way.

A few days ago Sylvia asked Homelife for help.

Homelife, run by The Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, helps people like Sylvia. Please help us to help them by sending a donation to Homelife, Dept B, Vicarage Gate House, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4AQ.

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Pep that provided few happy returns

From C. R. Crockett

Sir, In December 1987, I paid £2,400 into a Prudential Holborn personal equity plan. On termination, on February 11 this year, I received £3,615.

This represents a return of about 8 per cent compound interest, which would appear reasonable were it not for the fact that the share market in which the money was invested was at its lowest in December 1987 and is at its highest in February 1993.

The plan was scrupulously managed, and I was sent detailed quarterly reports on its progress. But the total income, including tax credits recovered, amounted to £568.66, while management fees, including VAT, totalled £498, and it is hard to see how any such plan can substantially benefit investors.

The Pru is more generous to its shareholders. £2,400 would have bought around 1,500 shares in December 1987 (allowing for the subsequent subdivision), and they would now be worth over £4,500. They would also have paid net dividends totalling (over the five years) £706. I have not tried to work out how much more would have accrued if the dividends had been accumulated.

Yours faithfully,
C.R. CROCKETT,
19 The Avenue,
Dallington, Northampton.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.98	3.98	3.18	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.89	3.89	3.11	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.14	3.14	2.51	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.28	3.28	2.62	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.94	3.94	3.15	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	4.03	4.03	3.22	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.56	3.56	2.85	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.51	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	5.40	5.54	4.43	2,000‡	none	0800 555684
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	2.06	2.06	1.65	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	
Best buy — largest socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	5.63	5.63	4.50	10,000 min	Postal	
Cheltenham & Gl	6.00	6.00	4.80	25,000 min	Postal	
Northern Rock	5.29	5.29	4.23	40,000 min	30 day	
Halifax	5.70	5.70	4.56	50,000 min	90 day	
Leeds Permnt	5.81	5.81	4.65	100,000 min	1 year	
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	6.00	6.00	4.80	25,000 min	Postal	
Nottingham	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	
Marsden	6.38	6.38	5.10	50,000 min	60 day	
Scarborough	6.15	6.15	4.92	50,000 min	90 day	
Universal	6.45	6.45	5.16	50,000 min	1 year	

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-50,000	3 mth	0253 66151
6th Index Lnkd†*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert†	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-100,000	8 days	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Canada Life	5.05	5.05	4.29	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity	5.55	5.55	4.72	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Consolid Life	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere,
Financial Ass	6.30	6.30	5.36	20,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Financial Ass	6.75	6.75	5.74	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		**HOLIDAY RATES**	£ buys
RPI (Jan 92-93)	+1.7%	Spanish Pesetas:	18.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	1.70
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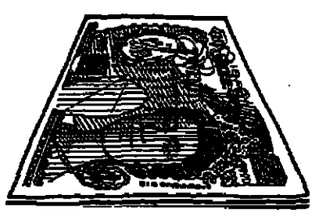
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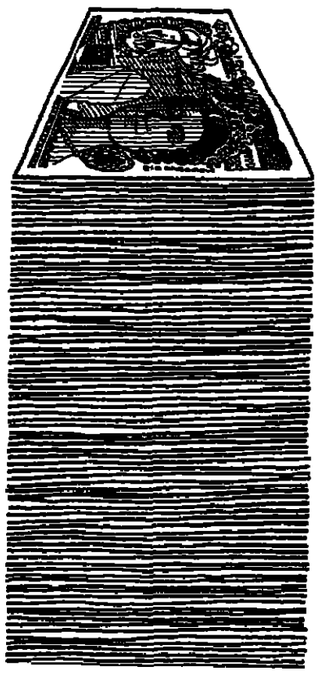
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1	BAA	Transport	
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8	Molins	Industrial	
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10	Northumbrian	Water	
11	Bank Scotland	Banks,Disc	
12	Honeysuckle	Drapery,Strs	
13	Lon Forfaitng	Finance, Land	
14	Randfontein	Mining	
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16	Gencor	Mining	
17	Henderson Ad	Fin Trusts	
18	Hewitt (J)	Industrial	
19	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
20	Br Polythene	Industrial	
21	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
22	Allied Text	Textiles	
23	Dart	Business Serv	
24	French (Thomas)	Industrial	
25	Mitel	Electrical	
26	MEPC	Property	
27	Amersham	Chems,Plas	
28	Prism Leisure	Leisure	
29	Unigate	Foods	
30	TI	Industrial	
31	Liberty	Drapery,Strs	
32	TT Group	Industrial	
33	Norweb	Electricity	
34	Tiphook	Transport	
35	Watmough	Paper,Print	
36	Sth Wales	Electricity	
37	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
38	Stirling Gp	Textiles	
39	Archer (AJ)	Insurance	
40	BPB Ind	Building,Rds	
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If you have ticked off your eighth share in our Match The Shares game today, claim your prize by telephoning 0254 53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm (see the *Sunday Times* for full details)

There were no valid claims for yesterday's Portfolio Plus prize. The £2,000 will be added to today's game.

A quiet end to the week

ACCOUNT DAYS: *Dealings began February 15. Dealings end February 26. §Contango day March 1. Settlement day March 8.* §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	20	+2	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Int	333	...	16.5	6.6	34.3
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	85	...	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	74	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tonks	127	+4	...	8.4	...
327	146	Persimmon	227	...	8.6	5.1	18.7
36	19	Phoenix Timber	24	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	88	...	3.4	5.2	...
23	3½	Quiligotti	6	+½	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	605	...	20.0	4.4	22.5
137	67	Raine Ind	114	+2	6.0	7.0	19.1
96	23	Ramus	26	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	480	-5	25.0	7.4	28.0
101	61	Rockel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	238	...	6.4	3.6	18.0
48	25	Sytrid-Rev	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	79	...	4.0	6.8	...
140	70	Sheffield Inst	140	+2	5.4	5.1	36.2
90	53	Sherriff Hldgs	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorco	83	...	...	6.4	12.8
272	168	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4½	Starmin	5¾	...	0.3	7.6	6.3
161	51	Tarmac	114	-1	5.5	6.4	47.1
236	120	Tay Homes	185	...	5.8	4.2	10.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	81	+1	9.3	...	11.4
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	528	...	31.0	8.3	17.4
48	18	Totex Hire	23	...	...	2.3	...
228	106	Travis Perkins	179	...	8.0	6.0	25.3
58	20	Try Group	31	+1	6.0	...	4.2
48	20	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	63	...	3.6	7.6	11.6
55	12	Ward Hldgs	30	+2	...	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	35	+2	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	460	...	9.3	2.7	23.9
19	9	Wescol	9	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	117	...	...	5.6	...
18	4½	West Scaffold	7½	+½	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	384	-1	8.7	3.0	19.7
221	96	Wilson (C)	164	...	3.9	3.2	26.0
189	65	Wimpey G	141	+2	...	3.0	34.2
81	25	YRM	28 †	...	4.0	...	3.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543	343	ADT	520	...	...	...	...
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	53	Air London	86	...	...	5.4	10.6
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Auto Sec	136	...	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	90	BET Ord	98	-1	...	8.8	14.3
100	41	BNB Res	69	...	4.9	9.5	8.1
318	208	BPP	305	...	6.9	3.0	17.2
285	178	Barbour Index	270	...	7.2	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Boustead	17	-1	0.7	5.5	34.8
225	111	Brit Data Mgt	225	+2	...	2.4	18.8
14	9	Broadcastle	13	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	61	-1	4.0	...	19.4
142	72	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
479	262	Capita Group	472	+3	5.4	1.5	27.1
36	19	Casket Plc	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	53	+½	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
282	180	Chubb Sec	277	...	...	1.3	30.6
43	18	Comase	33	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	12½	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	78	+4	3.3	5.6	8.8
216	145	Davis Service	204	+2	7.9	3.2	15.5
115	85	EW Facs	96	...	...	5.9	7.3
57	8	Gardiner	13½	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardiner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	242	...	4.6	2.5	23.8
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	201	...	6.3	4.2	15.1
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
156	98	Hutch Whamp	156	...	...	...	16.8
£114½	6837½	ISS B DKr	£110½	-225	...	1.0	15.7
594	375	Inchcape	592	+1	12.5	2.8	25.2
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	225 †	+3	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1100	-25	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
250	88	Pennna	250	...	...	1.1	63.1
5½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Prodftnot Alnc	103	+1	19.5	25.2	2.2
653	355	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	6.0	6.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	55	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	143	...	...	4.2	14.4
13	4	Rensamister	4 #	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	222	-3	1.6	1.0	32.6
245	180	Rolfe & Nolan	245	...	8.2	3.4	16.4
389	234	Salvesen (C)	386	...	7.0	2.4	21.4
43	25	Scot Pickford	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
306	98	Securiguard	193 †	+8	9.4	6.5	-
12	1½	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
768	555	Serco Gp	758	...	11.9	2.1	24.3
305	132	Sherwd Comp	305	+17	...	2.6	8.2
157	82½	Stanchley	116	...	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	270	Warner Howrd	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.3
81	40	Welpac	40	-2	0.6	2.0	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	20½	...	...	0.7	26.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
247	162	Allied Colloids	247	+1	3.9	2.1	19.6
728	413	Amersham	724	+8	12.5	2.3	26.8
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	6¼	...	0.8	...	...
9800	7362½	BASF DM	9750	-50	...	8.1	...
260	201	BTP	258	+1	8.8	4.6	18.9
£119	9050	Bayer DM50	£118	-100	...	4.8	...
138	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	146	...	7.3	6.7	69.0
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	505	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23	-½	2.5	15.0	5.8
179	112	Canning (W)	151	...	7.2	6.4	12.1
616	371	Courtaulds	589	+4	13.0	3.0	15.5
270½	142	Croda	255	-1	7.5	3.9	19.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	190	...	7.0	4.9	17.3
16½	7	Euro Colour	15½	-½	0.6	5.6	...
139	43	Evode	138	-½	3.5	3.5	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	280	-1	...	2.9	15.0
227	158	Hickson	222	...	7.8	4.7	14.1
£114½	7537½	Hoechst	£114½	+30	...	6.9	...
1410	975	ICI	1118	-20	53.0	6.6	27.0
687	434	Laporte	685	...	18.9	3.7	18.4
328	138	Leigh	209	...	7.8	5.0	17.1
290	11	MTM	15	...	1.8	...	3.0
1687½	1300	Norsk Hydro	1650	+12½	...	2.0	...
410	360	Patetson Zoch.	410	...	11.4	3.7	17.7
396	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	280	...	6.0	3.0	17.9
296	130	Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
13	4½	Suncliffe Speak	12	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	435	-6	16.0	4.9	17.5
445	270	Wolstenholme	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
401	253	Yorks Chem	401	+5	...	2.4	20.9
295	214	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Ntl	377	+1	10.5	3.7	13.0
205	154	Allied Irish	195	+1	...	5.8	11.8
197½	106	Aus New Z	160	-4	...	5.6	...
3725	1906½	Bankamerica	3462½	+12½	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	198	+2	...	6.0	31.7
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
139½	47	Bank Scotland	139	+5	4.3	4.2	21.9
464	274	Barclays	442	+5	21.1	6.4	...
6	1¼	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	39	+1	...	...	...
31	10	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
440	295	Cater Allen	440	...	26.0	7.9	...
104	61	Cattles	106	...	3.8	4.9	15.2
2225	912½	Chase Manh	2037½	+25	...	...	...
1850	537½	Citicorp	1706½	+31½	...	...	...
310	205	Close Bros	310	+6	9.5	4.1	13.8
£117	8687½	Commerzbk	£114½	-137½	...	3.4	...
£291	£214	Deutsche Bk	£289	-300	...	2.2	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	79 †	+1	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1021	+4	...	0.5	58.0
421	230	Gerrard Nat	414	...	21.0	6.8	...
606	236	HSBC	581	-11	...	3.4	23.9
587	313	HSBC HK	565	-7	...	3.5	23.2
315	202	Hambros	304	+4	13.8	6.1	13.5
355	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
118	54	King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
380	212	Kleinwort Ben	380	+2	16.0	5.8	-
573	346	Lloyds	511 †	+6	...	4.8	7.1
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	77	...	3.0	5.2	15.3
381	258	Nat Aust Bk	368	-11	...	5.5	12.8
485	251	Nat West	445	+2	17.5	5.2	61.5
785	418	Provident	774	...	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	239	-1	8.8	4.9	...
1575	1043	Schroders	1575	+2	18.0	1.5	18.3
672	364	Stand Chart	644	+1	20.0	4.1	16.6
179	115	TSB	168½	...	6.4	5.1	...
200	38	Union Disc	109	+1	13.5	...	...
630	403	Warburg SG	626	...	18.0	3.8	18.5
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	213	...	...	3.8	...
6725	3087½	Wells Fargo	6250	-356¼	...	1.7	...
183	99	Westpac	153	-3	...	5.3	-
253	188	Wintrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	536	Allied-Lyons	608	+10	20.0	4.4	14.1
656	472	Bass	604	+19	18.9	4.2	13.1
213	146	Boddington	202	-2	6.6	4.4	12.8
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	376	...	9.0	3.2	17.3
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	155	...	4.4	3.8	11.3
291	194	Devenish (JA)	281	-1	7.8	3.7	-
102	68	Eldridge P 'A'	88	+1	...	4.9	23.3
94½	47	Fosters Brewing	64	-2	...	4.3	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	345	...	...	2.6	14.5
518	360	Grand Met	452	+1	12.3	3.6	14.9
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	407	...	11.7	3.9	13.5
530	475	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	468½	-2½	10.8	3.1	13.4
340	215	Hardy Hansn	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
145	113	Heritree	113 †	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78 †	...	...	5.2	10.9
345	191	Highland Distl	267	...	6.0	3.0	17.8
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	273	-1	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	172	...	0.7	0.5	34.7
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	681	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Marston Thmp	238	+2	4.9	2.8	13.9
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Mrrydwn 'W'	280	...	...	3.0	20.2
493	320	Morland	480	-5	8.4	2.3	19.1
10½	5½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
1020	665	SA Breweries	903	+40	...	3.0	-
492	380	Scot & New	433	+6	16.1	5.0	11.8
200	145	Taunton Cider	190	...	...	3.3	17.7
241	148	Vaux Group	217	-1	9.3	5.7	15.0
250	165	Wetherspoon JD	249	...	...	2.6	20.1
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	457	+2	16.9	4.9	12.9
1436	1075	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	584	-1	11.4	2.6	20.1
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	23.3

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	93	...	...	1.5	33.5
22	9	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	106	+3	...	6.3	10.8
182	53	Amec	89	...	10.2	...	8.2
27	2	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	173	...	4.1	3.2	21.2
151	100	Arrwoods	135	-1	5.0	4.9	19.5
234	123	BPB Ind	234	+5	11.2	...	99.5
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
118	68	Barratt	93	...	1.2	1.8	16.9
130	34	Barratt Devs	126	+1	2.0	2.1	14.0
393	306	Bellway	382 †	-1	11.5	4.0	22.1
32	14	Belwinch	30	+1	...	...	...
356	186	Berkeley Gp	354	...	5.0	1.9	23.4
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
69	27	Blockleys	40	+2	3.3	...	39.6
284½	121	Blue Circle	236	+9	11.2	6.4	23.6
258	140½	Boot (Henry)	258	+3	...	2.8	14.1
106	62	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.5	18.2
132	66	Br Dredging	95	...	7.4	10.4	12.3
180	42	Brit Fittings	65	...	5.3	...	...
128	60	Bryant	126 †	...	4.8	5.1	27.0
80	38	CALA	60	+1	2.3	5.1	...
249	187	CRH	217	+1	...	4.1	12.1
48	14	Cakebread Rby	38	...	...	...	...
35	18	Costain	26	-½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	122 †	-2	4.1	4.5	32.2
50	23	Crest Nicholson	52	...	0.0	...	-
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
6	1	Dunnon	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	24½	...	1.8	...	10.0
211	132	Epwin	180	...	...	4.9	14.8
54	23	Erith	32	...	2.0	...	...
300	220	Eve Group	300 †	...	...	4.3	10.9
36	25	Evered Bardon	43	...	5.6	...	23.2
19	3	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	102	...	4.3	12.5	18.5
79	40	Galliford	46	...	...	...	...
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
925	575	Gleeson (MJ)	705	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	94	...	3.1	4.5	19.6
63	25	Hewetson	30	...	2.6	...	35.3
28	15	Hey & Croft	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wlm	203	...	12.5	8.2	18.7
100	59	Higgs & Hill	59	...	9.0	...	0.0
39	23	How Gp	32	...	2.5	...	11.1
20	10	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.7	...
96	30	Ibstock Johnsen	53	+2	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	15	-1	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	190	...	9.0	6.0	10.3
35	3½	Lilley	7¼	...	2.0	...	2.4
132	74	Ln Clydeside	74	...	4.5	8.1	27.0
12	4½	Lovell (YJ)	15	...	...	...	0.8
295	160	Manders	293	...	7.0	3.2	20.4
149	57	Marley	110	-1	4.2	5.1	27.7
97	47	Marshalls	70	...	...	0.5	23.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
215	76	Mcalpine (A)	141	...	10.3	...	9.8

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	86	-1	...	4.7	4.7
109	23	Amber Day	46	...	3.1	9.0	12.6
306	190	Argos Plc	276	+4	6.4	3.1	19.2
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	76	...	0.1	0.2	79.5
305	180	Asprey	280	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+1	5.7	5.4	13.7
144	74	Bennalls	112	+1	3.8	4.6	63.2
266	86	Benetware	243	...	...	0.7	33.5
114	22	Blacks Lels	26	...	3.3	...	5.4
371	133	Body Shop	144	...	1.6	1.5	16.6
14½	3	Brown & Jackson	14	+½	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	22.1
80½	29	Burton	77	+2	...	3.5	...
320	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
133	58	Clinton Cards	128	-5	3.7	3.9	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	227	+2	7.0	4.1	20.0
163	77	Colourvision	100	...	...	...	16.9
415	300	Courts Furnish	414	+1	5.0	1.6	20.8
252	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dalry Farm Intl	106	+2	...	...	17.0
57	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	226	+3	6.0	3.3	28.6
495	355	Dunhill	377	...	7.7	2.7	13.1
33	13	ERA Gp	19	...	...	...	8.8
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
111	36½	Essex Furn	111	...	...	3.3	22.2
258	199	Etam	213	...	6.6	4.1	19.0
542	340	Fine Art Dev	542	+12	11.0	2.7	20.8
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicci	28	...	...	9.5	5.6
69	39	Gem SR	50	...	2.0	5.3	14.7
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2550	1800	GUS	2550 †	...	40.0	2.1	20.3
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1590 †	-18	40.0	3.4	12.7
75	30	Hampden Grp	36	...	...	7.4	3.1
280	123	Hartstone	267	+16	4.8	2.4	16.3
25	10½	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
40	18	Heritage	23	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	55	+9	...	2.4	9.1
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
195	40	Jacques Vert	65	...	2.0	...	...
598	414	Kingfisher	576	+19	13.7	3.3	17.3
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	71	-2	4.0	7.8	-
685	405	Liberty	680	+5	7.2	1.4	46.3
373	162	Lloyds Chem	277	-7	5.5	2.6	10.9
152	90½	MFI	126	+1	...	4.0	16.8
348	268	Marks Spencer	337	+1	7.1	2.8	20.5
490	319	Menzies (John)	488 †	...	10.0	2.7	16.2
140	110	Moss Bros	135	...	5.0	4.9	26.0
155½	57	Next	147½	+1	0.7	0.7	29.1
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	249	-1	...	4.8	16.2
143	49	Pentos	51	...	2.7	7.2	6.0
278	202	QS Hldgs	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ramars Group	16	+½	2.4	20.0	...
35	18	Rhino Grp	30½	...	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.0	14.8
113	54	Sears	102½	+2	...	4.6	28.2
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	424 †	-1	13.4	4.2	14.9
29	8	Specialeyes	8½	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	190	-1	5.0	3.5	...
256	153	T & S Stores	177	...	5.5	4.1	11.5
98	27	Tie Rack	98	...	0.5	0.7	...
190	132	Time Products	188	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
86	47	Usher (Frank)	80	...	...	8.3	7.8
38	23	Vivat	30	...	...	...	...
68	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	96	-1	...	...	...
70	28	Wid of Leather	58	...	...	...	68.2
205	102½	Wyevale	163	...	...	3.0	18.1
7	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	4.5	3.6	16.6
197	128	ACT Group	169	...	...	3.3	19.5
233	195	Acala	233	...	...	...	...
162½	6	Acorn Compu	115	+3	...	...	...
470	299	Admiral	467	...	4.8	1.4	21.1
133	94	Alba	119	...	4.7	5.4	15.5
75	7	Alphametic	32½	+½	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	30½	+½	0.4	2.2	...
141	83	App Holo	124	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
48	12	Amec	45	...	...	...	...
292	218	Bealey Hunter	266	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
20	1½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	341	+1	19.2	7.5	19.9
575	314	Blick	530	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland	1500	+50	...	...	...
293	208	Bowthorpe	292	...	6.0	2.8	20.0
430½	305	BT	400½	-1½	14.4	4.8	14.9
325½	212	BT New	294½	-2½	14.4	4.8	14.9
9	3	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	90	Burnfield	126	+2	...	6.1	18.1
742	489	Cable Wireless	739	...	13.2	2.4	22.8
14½	4	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro	245	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Compur People	86	...	5.4	...	11.1
16	1	Cranbrooke	1½	...	...	...	...
151	60½	Cray Elect	140	-1	...	0.5	11.4
506	331	Delta	436	-7	14.0	4.3	17.2
283	148	Denmans Ele	207	...	...	2.7	-
466	43	Domino	583 †	...	7.2	1.6	...
607	375	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	16.7
60	43	Druck	90½	...	...	1.3	23.5
1015	750	Electrocompnts	380	...	7.0	2.5	20.6
382	233	El Data Prc	335	...	5.1	1.3	14.6
545	286	Electron House	67 †	-5	2.3	4.7	20.4
75	28	Emess	18½	+1	1.0	...	...
29½	7	Eurotherm	539	+1	8.0	1.0	-
550	202	FKI	126	...	2.3	2.4	24.4
126	51	Farnell Elect	357	...	5.8	2.2	19.5
367	227	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
40	18	Ferranti	15½	+½	...	...	...
19½	3½	First Tech	128	+3	...	...	...
128	30	Forward Gp	142	+1	...	2.3	17.1
151	71	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
28½	10	GEC	297	+7	9.6	4.3	15.7
302	183	Graseby	169	...	10.9	8.6	14.7
227	102	Hiclare	39	...	...	1.7	12.3
57	38	Hoskyns Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	-
450	395	INSTEM	90	...	...	6.2	5.7
136	65	Jones Stroud	348 †	+3	8.0	3.1	15.2
348	190						

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	425	...	17.1	5.4	8.2
450	266	Eastern Elect	449	+1	16.7	5.0	11.1
263	143	Hydro-Elect	250 †	...	10.1	4.2	11.4
466	288	London Elect	451	+2	16.8	5.0	8.7
513	324	Manweb	501	+4	18.2	4.9	7.2
483	287	Midlands Elec	474	+2	17.2	4.9	10.0
496	296	Northern Elec	492	+2	18.5	5.0	7.3
496	295	Norweb	493	+9	17.7	4.8	9.3
247	142	Scottish Power	234½	+2	10.1	4.4	11.3
485	297	Seeboard	485	+2	17.2	4.7	8.8
539	313	Sth Wales	526	+7	19.4	4.9	8.3
478	283	Sth Western	478	+8	17.4	4.9	8.6
458	270	Southern Elec	456	+2	16.6	4.9	9.0
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	495	-1	17.7	4.8	9.2
316	188	National Powr	316	+2	9.1	3.8	10.4
318	196	PowerGen	318	+3	9.2	3.9	9.9

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD	68	...	...	5.9	9.5
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	229	Caledonia	437	...	14.4	4.4	16.8
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	22.0	2.5	12.2
290	203	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Fleming	85	...	...	...	8.4
201	103	Goven	198	...	...	7.0	5.8
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	...	...	6.4	13.9
6½	3½	LIT	6½	+½	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
173	110	Lon Forfaitng	173	+5	...	5.9	15.0
84	14	Mananin	76	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Nat Home Loan	9½	+½	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	251	-1	...	2.7	17.8
19½	9½	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & D	291	...	...	3.7	10.5
64	34	Singer & Fried	64	+2	2.5	5.2	14.0
938	575	Sotheby	925	...	...	4.5	...
96	73	SIP Capital	95	...	3.0	4.2	17.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1062½	Amer Express	1650 †	-21½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	214	...	6.7	4.2	29.2
973	535	Henderson Ad	938	+5	41.0	5.8	20.7
100	50	Invesco MIM	97	+2	...	4.1	14.2
223	121	Jardine Strat	208	+9	...	3.5	9.3
186	100½	NAI	176	+1	6.0	4.5	12.8
480	244	MAM	427	+3	11.5	3.6	17.1
755	460	M & G	744	-4	20.0	3.6	19.8
147	81	Smith New Ct	147	...	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	37	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	71½	...	...	5.6	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Rest	83	+1	1.4	2.3	23.3
262	112	Forte	195	-½	9.9	6.8	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	171	...	5.5	4.3	13.7
12	5	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	...	...
114	92½	Jurys Hotel	92½	-5½	...	...	6.6	10.9
287	126	Ladbroke	197	+1	11.1	7.5	16.3
71	37½	Mandarin Ornl	70	...	...	4.9	18.4
92	26	Queens Moat	34	+2½	2.8	7.1	7.2
118	51½	-do- 7¼% cvpr	97½	+2½	7.5	10.3	...
2½	1	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	53	...	3.4	8.7	10.4
750	430	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
48	23	Stakis	46	+2	...	1.3	-

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	482	+8	14.0	3.9	11.0
65½	21½	ASDA Group	64¼	+1	...	3.3	20.7
209	75	Acatos & Hutch	209 †	+1	6.5	4.1	12.1
80	31	Albert Fisher	68	...	3.7	7.4	11.3
432	273	Argyll	376	+3	9.7	3.5	14.8
51	11	Ashley Group	20	...	0.7	5.0	...
170	108	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
190	143	Banks (S C)	180	...	8.2	5.9	9.3
348	200	Barr (AG)	344	-1	8.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crisps	84	+3	...	4.2	9.7
137½	90	Berisford Intl	125	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	415	...	21.7	7.0	12.7
44	28	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	434	...	5.7	1.3	18.2
51	31	Budgen	39	...	...	...	13.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	464	-1	12.5	3.6	17.1
107	64	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	6.3	16.6
256	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	+1	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick	185	-1	...	5.4	13.2
38	8	Cullens	19	+½	0.5	3.5	10.2
435	250	Dalepak	294 †	+3	6.0	2.7	13.3
491	352	Dalgety	470	+1	19.5	5.6	13.5
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
132½	92½	Everest	123	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Parringford	9	...	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	85	...	4.1	6.5	15.9
95	68	Fyffes	85 †	-1	...	1.8	11.6
440	249	Geest	422	+1	7.9	2.5	16.0
12	5	Global	9	...	...	7.4	8.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	163	...	6.1	5.0	9.9
200	68	Hillsdown	155	...	8.8	7.6	6.3
61	22	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
680	412	Iceland Frozen	680	+11	8.5	1.7	18.2
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	819	+19	16.0	2.6	17.1
286½	169	Low (Wm)	244	-3	8.4	4.6	11.8
74	28	Matthews (B)	50	...	4.5	...	10.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	87½	Morrison (W)	167	+4	...	0.5	26.2
518	318	Nichols (JN)	518	...	12.3	3.2	14.8
317½	215	Nurdin Foods	262	-5	...	4.0	14.4
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fds	21	...	...	...	8.8
193	132	Nurdin Peack	179	...	5.5	4.1	12.1
226	78½	Park Foods	219	...	3.2	1.9	26.2
155	45	Perkins Food	91	...	4.3	6.3	7.9
96½	21	PizzaExpress	79 †	-2	...	0.8	45.4
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
594	337	Sainsbury J	520½	-4½	8.7	2.2	19.4
61	33	Senoty Farms	35	...	...	3.8	8.3
340	175	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	406	+4	12.0	3.9	14.9
256	196½	Tesco	242	...	6.3	3.5	11.5
211	152	Thorntons	209	...	3.6	2.3	19.5
163	83	Treats	160	+14	...	3.0	18.0
368	192	Unigate	355	+6	15.3	5.7	12.7
440	222	Utd Biscuits	354	+4	15.3	5.8	12.3
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	318	+1	13.3	5.6	16.6

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	224	...	...	4.5	11.8
616	460	AAH	518	...	16.3	4.1	16.4
203	122	ADM	150	...	6.5	5.8	9.3
136	76	APV	122	-2	5.4	5.9	22.0
165	50	ASW	124	...	9.0	...	23.5
147	86	Adwest	145	...	7.0	6.4	20.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
123	93	Alendra W	121	...	3.6	4.0	65.4
22	9	Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
465	358	Alumasc	465	...	11.0	3.2	14.1
62	9	Alvis	27	...	1.0	4.9	5.6
430	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
863	503	Anglo American	863	+10	...	2.2	21.1
50½	29½	Anglo/...	44 †	...	1.4	4.5	12.9
188	123	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
3½	1	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
355	200	Avon Rubber	350	+5	16.5	4.0	-
195	103	Assoc Nursing	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	465	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
66	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	162	-1	7.5	6.2	20.9
53	34	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	58	...	5.0	11.5	2.5
774	583	BOC	755	+6	23.2	4.1	16.6
76	51½	BSG	72½	...	3.2	5.9	19.6
422	296	BSS Group	409	...	...	5.6	16.3
574	381	BTR	556	+4	16.5	4.0	19.5
220	115	BWI	220	+2	6.7	4.1	34.3
70	26½	Babcock	34½	...	3.1	...	7.2
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	259	...	8.9	4.6	16.6
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	692½	+12½	...	3.5	3.5
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	1.3	2.9	19.8
35	10	Beauford	12	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	13	Benson Group	26	+1½	0.1	0.5	33.9
685	444	Bespak	685	...	9.0	1.8	21.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	130	...	9.7	10.6	7.2

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
275	103	API	275	+6	7.5	3.6	24.0
280	123½	Arjo Wiggins	170	+2	8.3	...	13.8
448	365	Abbott Mead	448	...	8.4	2.5	22.5
3	¼	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	13	Aegis Gp	14	...	5.8	...	4.7
212	105	Aspen Comms	204	-1	...	3.2	27.9
13	7	BSB Design	9½	...	...	...	...
319	180	Bemrose	316	...	11.7	5.0	16.1
60	21	Birkdale	21	...	0.2	1.3	17.8
138	80	Bunzl	135	+1	4.0	4.0	31.5
267	147	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	45	...	...	10.1	9.4
206	135	Cropper (James)	184	+5	3.0	2.2	20.9
41	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckaging	60	...	1.4	3.2	11.9
149	78	Dolphin Pack	114	...	4.5	5.3	15.2
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	43 †	-1	...	...	11.1
15	9½	Elswick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.3
68	38	Fairway Groups	47	...	...	8.9	12.5
286	211	Ferguson Intl	275	+2	12.5	6.1	15.9
106	25	Filofax	105 †	...	...	0.5	26.3
48	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	9.5	13.7
308	194	Gold Greenlees	288 †	...	8.3	4.0	22.3
53	26	Goodhead	26	-1	0.5	2.6	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	81	...	...	...	...
180	138	Inveresk	138	...	7.4	7.4	8.8
202	123	Jarvis Porter	202	+2	4.4	2.9	22.0
50	13	Lopex	24	-1	...	...	10.0
283	133	More O'Ferrall	210	...	13.2	8.4	13.0
71	27	NMC Group	61	...	1.2	...	12.0
86	58	Osborne & Little	75	+4	4.3	7.7	9.6
189	122	Quarto	179	...	6.2	5.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	335	...	5.2	2.1	22.8
245	115	Saatchi	194	-1	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	460	+5	...	8.5	8.7
19½	1½	Setlfe	17	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	25½	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	325	...	9.5	3.9	14.4
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	266	...	...	0.6	9.2
263	171	Sun-Plus	230	+2	7.1	4.5	15.2
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	20½	-½	...	1.0	42.6
65	37	VTR	43	...	...	10.5	12.5
115	31	WPP	63	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	73	...	8.2	15.1	8.1
221	158	Waddington (J)	208	-1	7.9	5.1	15.1
585	391	Watmough	583	+3	10.5	2.4	25.4
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westport	6	...	...	...	21.5
39	12	Whitney Mck	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	66 †	...	0.2	0.5	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	304	+9	7.2	3.2	10.8
90	18	Ald Leis	54	...	...	...	15.4
243	145	Anglia TV	230	...	...	4.6	20.7
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	16.8
113	70	Border TV	98	...	...	3.7	12.8
16½	4	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	2.1	...	1.2
448	200	Campari	261	+2	...	5.7	7.1
226	136	Capital Radio	193	...	5.2	3.6	22.5
818	498	Carlton Comm	780	+6	...	2.9	22.5
223	120	Castle Comm	195	...	...	5.8	22.0
1825	1050	Central TV	1798	...	30.5	2.3	23.1
89	49	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	588 †	...	12.3	2.8	16.7
350	273	Eurocamp	327 †	...	9.7	4.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	940	+25	...	1.3	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	11.2
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	276 †	...	10.5	5.1	...
355	239	First Leisure	336	...	8.1	2.5	23.0
490	250	GWR Gp	463 †	-12	...	2.0	-
181	91	Grampian	175	...	5.5	4.2	12.3
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	60	...	5.5	...	3.8
18½	2½	Knnick	5½	...	...	...	...
338	220	LWT CP	339	...	5.9	2.3	16.5
377	280	Man Utd	373	...	18.0	6.4	12.8
123	44½	Owners Abrd	118	...	3.5	4.0	-
42	19	The Pelican Gp	42	...	...	3.2	14.4
130	50	Prism Leisure	116	+4	...	3.1	13.2
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	-1	4.0	...	2.6
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	125	Ramsdens (R)	139 †	...	...	4.3	-
502	202½	Scot TV	501	...	...	2.1	32.3
66	40	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	1.9	22.9
195	125	Stanley Leisure	195	+1	...	2.8	16.5
13	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	2.3	15.4
53	27	TSW	28 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
44	3½	TVS	37	...	...	...	3.1
420	136	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	173	...	7.5	5.8	4.9
10½	1	Ticketing	2½	+½	...	...	...
118	75	Tottenham Hot	90	...	...	...	4.4
75	38	Trans World	64	...	...	...	...
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
30	16	Wembley	21	...	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	15½	...	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	130	...	12.0	12.3	3.9
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1731¼	-100	...	4.0	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	3825	-62½	...	4.0	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	45	+4	4.4	13.0	21.9
168	83	Bradstock	144	+1	5.1	4.8	17.3
1160	762	Britannic	1153	+20	28.5	3.4	...
620	389	Com Union	586 †	-7	...	5.7	...

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2700	+37½	...	8.2	12.2
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	...	...	7.9	5.6
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1512½	+12½	...	5.1	9.4
14½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	14	-½	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	65	+3	...	10.5	3.2
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	209	Buffels	338	+13	...	13.3	7.3
4½	1¼	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	610	-11	...	2.9	-
38	9	Cluff Res	14½	...	1.0	9.2	21.6
1662½	581¼	De Beers	1062½	-6¼	...	...	8.7
125	37½	Deelkraal	57	-1	...	11.7	2.8
46	7	Doornfontein	12	...	...	...	...
750	388	Driefontein	530	-10	...	7.0	8.8
375	120	Durban	195	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	60	-1	...	19.3	1.7
154	62	E Daggs	72	-1	...	...	5.3
168	54	E Rand Prop	145	-2	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	180	-2	...	7.6	-
535	272	FS Cons	489	+13	...	10.9	4.9
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	941	...	...	4.7	13.4
222	121	Gencor	151	+5	...	6.5	11.7
44½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	41½	...	...	3.3	10.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	10	+½	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	60	-1	...	19.6	-
368	78	Harmony	168	-2	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	125	...	...	...	4.3
11	5	Inoco	10	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	606	...	...	...	12.3
8	2½	Kenmare Res	6½	...	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	445	-5	...	12.7	4.4
624	203	Kloof	480	-22	...	4.1	7.3
60	21½	Leslie	39½	...	...	11.8	3.5
71	12	Loraine	21	+2	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	114½	-2	...	2.0	52.4
955	599	Minorco	911	...	...	4.1	10.7
111	66	Nth Bkn Hill	104½	-2½	...	4.7	-
1301	398	Orange Free	1112½	+37½	...	12.5	8.9
688	469	RTZ	646	...	19.5	4.0	19.5
1287½	375	Rand Mines	512½	-37½	...	12.6	2.1
330	75	Rand Mln Prp	97	+2	...	19.2	4.2
334	136	Randfontein	315	+7	...	8.9	2.9
221	106	Renison	162	+5	...	2.8	15.7
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	975	-21½	...	5.3	13.6
410	183	St Helena	330	+10	...	8.1	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	750	-40½	...	8.6	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	48	...	...	15.3	-
183	43	Unisel	100	...	...	3.3	6.0
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2800	+100	...	9.0	-
324	154	Welkom	274	-12	...	13.2	7.6
99½	26	Western Areas	45	...	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	1125	+34½	...	6.2	-
225	164	Wstrn Mining	213½	-6½	...	...	...
480	255	Winkels	420	-21	...	2.7	3.1
72	16	Zambia Copper	68	-1	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	23	...	...	...	6.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	7.8	10.4	73.8
123	96	Appleyard	100	...	5.3	...	...
235	130	Bletchley Mtr	235	+5	8.2	7.3	13.2
145	115	Bostrom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	262	+12	25.0	...	5.6
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9½	3	Caverdale	8	-½	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtr	108 †	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)	20	...	...	...	...
200	99	Cowie (T)	200	...	4.8	3.3	15.1
133	75	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
134	85	Davnprt Vern	134	+2	4.0	4.1	-
264	130	ERF	209	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	112	-2	...	1.8	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	257	...	11.2	5.8	23.9
283	163	FR Group	253	...	6.6	3.5	12.1
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3218½	-43½	...	...	...
2875	1681¼	General Mtr	2856¼	-106¼	...	1.9	...
53	35	Gowrings	46	...	2.0	5.8	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
786	465	Honda Motor	746	-16	...	0.8	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	78	...	4.5	7.7	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	107	...	3.3	4.2	10.6
326	175	Lex Service	316	+2	10.0	4.2	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	...
153	77	Lucas	146	...	7.0	6.4	...
263	169	Pendragon	263	...	6.0	3.0	23.5
175	103	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
133	56	Quicks Group	133	...	3.0	3.0	24.5
176	80	Rolls-Royce	125	-2	7.2	7.7	23.0
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.8	21.4
145	93	Westland	144	+1	4.2	3.9	12.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	...	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	10.4
383	398	Blenheim Gp	380	...	9.0	2.1	21.7
330	242	Bristol	280	...	11.5	5.3	21.5
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
301	193	Dorling Kind	294	...	...	1.4	28.1
365	224½	EMAP	337	...	...	3.0	21.9
983	533	Euromoney Pb	978	...	29.5	4.0	22.0
205	125	Harrington K	205	...	...	2.9	21.4
358	155	Haynes Pub	318	-20	6.0	2.5	13.5
238	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	26.5
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	13.1
478	289	Johnston Press	478	+3	5.5	1.5	22.6
368	186	Metal Bulletin	368	+2	7.4	3.7	21.7
125	49	Mirror Gp	106	-3	...	...	10.1
1446	500½	News Corp	1416	-30	...	0.3	23.8
764	258	News Intl	755	...	3.9	0.7	13.0
499½	297	Pearson	393	+2	...	3.9	18.5
633	340	Portsmth Sund	630	...	8.6	1.8	16.2
682	447	Reed Int	640	-7	16.0	3.3	21.2
126	61	Southnews	126	...	...	1.6	37.1
126	29	Sterling Pub	126	...	...	2.2	41.4
368	224	Telegraph	340	...	...	3.9	13.5
815	566	Thomson Corp	765 †	...	25.2	4.4	13.0
347	222	Trinity Intl	320	...	...	3.5	18.9
62	29	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
543	323	Utd Nwspaprs	522	-2	21.0	5.4	17.9

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pet	17½	-1½	...	...	14.0
24	11½	Aran Energy	22½	...	...	...	...
66	23	Arcon Intl	42	-2	...	...	...
53	27	Ass Oil & Gas	52½	...	...	...	...
293	23	Aviva Pet	49	-1	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	11	...	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	169	...	7.1	5.6	18.6
295	223	British Gas	287½	-4	...	6.2	13.3
305	182	Br Petroleum	265½	+3	...	5.3	33.3
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	708	+8	24.0	4.5	16.2
75	21	Cairn Energy	47	...	...	...	...
253	164	Calor Gp	239	-4	12.0	6.7	15.7
10	6½	Caspen Oil	7½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	48	+2	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	13	+½	...	...	...
477	297	Enterprise	453	-1½	15.7	4.6	32.2
103	25	Exp Co Louis	83	...	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	1.1	9.0
69	34	Goal Pet	61	+1	1.2	2.7	11.5
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	130	...	1.0	1.0	43.6
26½	7½	Kelt Energy	26	+1	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	179	+7	8.5	6.3	23.1
163	63	-do- Units	91	...	15.0	22.0	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	16½	...	...	...	...
47½	27	Monument	41½	-½	...	...	43.0
18½	5	New London	8½	+½	...	...	...
39½	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	29	-1	...	...	...
14	8	Pentz	13½	...	...	...	...
103	57	Pict Pet	102	...	...	...	14.2
31	10	Premier	27½	...	...	...	12.3
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	348	-10	...	1.4	...
5950	4162½	Royal Dtch Pl	5775	-87½	...	5.4	15.7

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaco Group	1½ #	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	36	...	3.5	8.4	48.3
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
141	64	Avonside	95	...	...	8.1	7.7
2575	1887½	BCE	2500	-12½	...	...	...
480	248	Bilton	480	...	18.0	5.0	17.3
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
168	108	Bradford	164	...	4.4	3.6	14.9
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	230	+2	6.3	3.7	21.2
188	105	Brixton	181	+1	8.1	6.0	13.8
55	44	Burford	45½	...	0.9	2.8	23.8
125	88	Cap & Regnl	121	...	...	1.1	...
300	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	226	...	18.5	...	15.9
60	9	City Site Ests	20	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	13	...	...	...	...
883	785	Daejan	878	...	25.0	3.8	13.7
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.8	25.4
12	1	De Morgan	10	...	...	...	...
135	78	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	33	...	1.0	4.0	23.9
348	188	Frogmore	345	-1	15.0	5.8	18.0
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gt Portland	139	...	10.0	9.6	13.8
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	121	+1	...	4.2	20.3
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	41	+1	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	305	+1	10.0	4.4	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	294	+1	10.0	4.5	14.1
150	60	Helical Bar	141	-4	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	22½	+½	...	...	...
175	85	Herring Baker	86	-1	7.0	10.9	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	474	+1½	21.7	6.1	14.4
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	80	...	3.8	6.3	12.7
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	370	+4	20.0	7.2	15.5
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	104	-1	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	23½	...	1.0	5.7	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	22	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	800	-80	18.0	3.0	8.2
9	2½	Mowat	2½ #	...	...	...	...
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	139	...	5.9	5.7	18.1
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Osory Est	8	...	0.1	2.5	2.3
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	104 †	+2	3.7	4.8	20.7
122½	14½	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	...
4½	½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	15	Regalian	14½	-½	1.5	13.8	2.9
10½	2½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	-
47	21	Savills	45	-1	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	44	-1	1.5	4.5	...
66	39	Shaftesbury	65	...	...	...	...
12½	3	Shield	12	...	...	...	...
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	85	Slough Estates	185	...	8.1	5.9	10.5
78	36	Southend Prop	59	...	4.1	9.4	29.8
20½	2	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	19½	...	...	...	...
89	58	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	59	-2	2.5	5.8	15.9
35	7	UK Land	27	-3	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	194	...	10.5	7.5	-
245	178	Warnford	180	...	7.2	5.5	12.3
8	1	Waterglade	7	+½	...	...	...
91	23	Watts	46½	...	3.7	10.7	11.8
44	17	Wood John D	40	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13	...	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	101	...	2.4	3.2	40.0
455	265	Lambert	455	...	12.5	3.7	11.8
111	63	Pittard Garnar	95	...	1.5	2.1	12.6
41	16	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	86	Stylo	125	...	2.5	2.7	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	362	Allied Text	469 †	+5	12.6	3.6	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	10.1	12.5
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	163	...	8.5	7.0	12.9
119	30	Celestion	118	-1	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Gn	324	...	...	1.6	22.3
581	364	Courtauld Text	580	+1	13.0	3.0	17.1
248½	160	Dawson	225	-1	9.0	5.3	21.9
59	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.3	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	172	-1	3.4	2.6	14.6
73	38	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
309	215	Lamont	286	...	...	5.6	14.0
410½	209½	Leeds	401 †	...	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	107	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
94	53	Parkland 'A'	80	...	2.0	3.3	...
95½	63	Readicut	93½	...	3.4	4.9	18.6
71	30	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	90	+4	5.1	7.6	15.6
53	29	Stirling Gp	53	+4	1.6	4.2	22.0
59	31	Stoddard	48	+1	2.6	7.3	12.8
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.3	5.0	26.7
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	...	8.9	...
356	160	Yorklyde	338	...	9.7	3.9	13.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	963	-1	33.6	4.7	25.4
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	619	+9	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	376	...	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	790	+9	14.5	2.4	13.9
315	219	Br Airways	288	+1	10.1	4.7	7.7
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	-2	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	480	+5	...	...	...
68	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	13.3
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	7.6
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	-1	1.9	8.4	17.9
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1387½	...	4.5	0.4	-
325	190	Mersey Docks	325	+7	7.5	3.1	-
210	168	Natl Express	204	...	...	4.7	13.4
290	216	NFC	271	...	6.5	3.2	20.6
357	170	Ocean Group	265	+1	14.3	7.2	12.0
65	31	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.7	11.8
584	296½	P & O Dfd	558	...	30.5	7.3	19.7
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	134	...	...	5.5	...
523	267	Powell Duffryn	522	...	22.6	5.8	20.9
138	98	Seacon	128 †	...	...	3.3	-
39	29½	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	24	TNT	36½	...	...	...	...
745	495½	Tibbet & Britn	725	...	...	2.0	29.0
478	214	Tiphook	342	+5	17.3	6.7	6.8
307	208	TDG	294	+1	9.3	4.3	17.6

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
511	308½	Anglian Water	510	+1	19.3	5.0	9.3
591	336	Northumbrian	586	-6	20.5	4.7	6.1
513	323	North West	492	-2	19.6	5.3	8.6
493	298	Severn Trent	491	...	19.3	5.2	7.2
506	301	Sthrn Water	505	...	19.5	5.1	8.9
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1270	...	40.2	4.2	8.2
527	306	South West	519	-4	21.7	5.6	7.8
518	324	Thames Water	512	...	19.2	5.0	9.7
565	337	Welsh Water	558	-5	21.4	5.1	6.4
611	358½	Wessex Water	606	-2	...	4.3	8.2
551	336	Yorkshire W	550	+1	19.5	4.7	8.9

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59	41	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	581	-1	20.4	4.8	23.4
306	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	302	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9½	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	39	...	...	...	8.8
172	131	Woodside	155	-2	...	2.3	...

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	109.10	116.60	-1.10	1.45
International	80.60	85.74	-1.50	1.19
Dividend Gth	55.34	58.87†	+0.60	5.10
Global Gth Sec	59.77	63.58	+0.08	2.88
Ethical Growth	63.20	67.23	-0.06	2.85
High Inc Equity	147.40	156.80†	+1.30	5.42
Worldwide Bond	265.70	281.60†	-4.10	4.44
Gilts Fixed Int	129.50	137.30†	+1.10	6.92
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.38	45.79	-1.82	1.85
European	79.67	84.47†	-0.41	...
European Inc	77.90	82.99†	-2.14	1.62
Exempt	878.10	907.10†	+5.70	3.38
Extra Inc	41.67	45.20	+0.35	5.57
F East Emerg Ec	81.38	87.55	-0.45	0.73
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	369.20	394.60	+2.60	4.39
Equity Inc	204.00	218.00†	+1.60	4.22
High Yield	227.10	242.70	+1.60	4.36
Balanced	619.40	662.10	-3.50	2.87
American Inc	47.41	50.68†	-1.56	3.37
Wld Asset Val	37.60	40.19	-0.14	1.92
Japan	142.80	152.10	-2.60	0.01
Secs of Am	416.80	444.10	-23.50	0.37
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	305.10	324.60	+1.20	3.02
-do- Inc	218.70	232.70	+0.90	3.02
Higher Inc Acc	545.00	579.80	+3.20	4.21
-do- Inc	336.10	357.60	+1.90	4.21
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.60	183.30	+1.00	6.59
-do- Inc	93.53	98.77	+0.54	6.59
Nth America	259.80	276.40	-22.50	...
Far East	255.30	271.60	-1.00	0.30
Europe	215.50	229.30	-2.30	1.28
General Inc	412.50	438.90	-0.70	2.70
-do- Acc	449.20	477.90	-0.90	2.70
Brit Excell	62.34	66.32	+0.43	3.07
Brit Fndmntls Inc	64.33	68.44	+0.55	5.21
Brit Fndmntls Acc	81.95	87.18	+0.70	5.21
Global Opps	67.96	72.30	-1.60	0.12
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.70	111.90†	+0.80	3.33
Euro Gth Inc	113.00	119.70	-1.10	1.21
Extra Inc	102.40	109.50	+1.00	5.48
General	234.20	250.50	+1.70	3.45
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.11	59.08†	-0.24	8.79
Income	458.60	490.50†	+4.70	4.95
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	91.89	97.70	-6.20	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	117.10	125.40	-11.80	...
Australia				
Convertibles	51.68	55.27	+0.55	7.40
Eastern	176.60	190.00	-2.70	1.70
Equity Income	77.27	82.30	+1.21	6.60
European Gth	226.60	241.00	-0.80	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	150.20	160.40	-1.80	2.00
Exempt	79.98	82.17†	-0.31	3.90
German Growth	54.37	58.04	+0.44	0.80
Global Growth	106.20	113.50	-3.20	...
Japan Growth	159.50	171.00†	-1.50	...
Japan Sunrise	134.40	143.50	-1.80	...
Portfolio	113.50	121.40†	-1.70	3.40
-do- Acc	202.50	216.60†	-1.10	3.40
UK Growth	76.68	81.57	+2.21	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.11	81.40	+1.26	2.00
Select Managers	61.77	66.19	-0.43	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.21	108.25	+0.68	2.39
-do- Inc	92.70	99.15	+0.62	2.39
Global Bond	29.61	31.42	-0.19	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.70	54.23	+0.42	4.52
-do- Inc	37.17	39.75†	+0.31	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	83.09	88.87	+0.13	1.81
-do- Inc	76.84	82.18	+0.11	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	57.21	61.18	-4.13	...
-do- Inc	56.14	60.04†	-4.05	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.34	103.03	-0.60	1.78
-do- Inc	95.45	102.08	-0.60	1.78
Mngd P folio	33.77	36.11	+0.51	1.54
Pacific Growth	88.49	94.64	-0.01	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	83.92	89.76	-1.57	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 917 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	110.40	117.60†	+1.30	3.78
Smaller Cos Acc	261.90	278.90	+4.00	...
Smaller Cos Inc	153.40	163.30	+2.30	1.41
High Inc	71.67	76.68	+0.88	7.20
Income	123.30	131.90	+0.80	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	90.24	96.11†	-1.77	2.16
-do- Acc	170.40	181.40	-1.80	...
North American	105.30	112.20	-9.30	0.19
Orient	102.20	107.90	-0.30	...
Recovery	36.80	39.55	-0.78	2.99
German	42.63	45.71	+0.21	0.09
Intl Growth	32.32	34.42	-1.51	0.23
European Inc	22.69	24.44	-0.12	0.46
Conv General	19.41	20.76	+0.09	8.04
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.35	68.46	+1.75	0.97
-do- Acc	71.75	76.34	+1.96	0.97
Income Fund 5	207.00	220.30	+2.10	4.09
-do- Acc	470.70	500.80	+4.80	4.09
Inv Portfolio	65.96	68.35†	+0.11	2.15
-do- Acc	74.49	77.19†	+0.14	2.15
Smaller Cos	117.40	124.90	+2.50	2.02
-do- Acc	141.00	150.00	+2.90	2.02
High Inc P folio	58.13	60.24	+0.52	4.81
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gth Fxd Int	69.31	70.24	+0.12	6.69
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.40	142.00	...	1.74
UK Growth	141.80	150.90†	+1.80	2.46
UK Income	120.90	128.70	+0.90	4.58
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	79.70	85.24	+0.07	1.09
Growth	43.70	46.74†	+0.32	3.06
Income	51.63	55.22†	+0.47	4.31
Far East	42.13	45.06	+0.02	0.33
North American	80.41	86.00	-7.14	0.01
Global	81.44	87.10	-2.94	0.65
European	68.72	73.50	+0.42	1.27
Japan	88.38	94.49	-0.24	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.82	63.40	-0.49	4.98
UK Cap Gwth	76.93	82.28	+0.62	1.97
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	129.10	137.40	-9.40	0.06
-do- Acc	137.30	146.10	-9.90	0.06
European	66.67	70.57	-0.74	1.07
-do- Acc	69.10	73.14	-0.77	1.07
Far East Gen	49.54	52.71	-0.11	...
-do- Acc	49.54	52.71	-0.11	...
Glenfriars	240.70	256.10	-5.00	1.33
-do- Acc	270.30	287.60	-5.60	1.33
Growth	368.20	393.80	+1.00	2.98
-do- Acc	631.10	675.00	+7.10	2.98
Income Growth	361.40	384.50†	+2.50	4.12
-do- Acc	480.50	511.20	+3.30	4.12
Master Portfolio	9232.0	9539.0†	-53.00	2.88
-do- Acc	10633.0	10988.0	-60.00	2.88
Special Sits	84.57	89.97†	+1.01	2.53
-do- Acc	98.98	105.30	+1.18	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1163.0	1199.0	+7.00	4.66
-do- Acc	1346.0	1388.0	+7.00	4.66
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	190.90	203.30†	-10.90	1.79
Capital	519.80	554.70	+1.00	2.53
Eurotrack 100	129.40	137.80†	-0.90	1.74
Euro Gth	79.90	85.04	-0.21	1.45
Far East Growth	81.07	86.52	-0.31	0.49
Global Bond	23.31	24.57†	-0.06	7.02
Hong Kong	72.74	77.63	+3.47	0.66
Income	492.30	525.40	+1.20	4.77
Intl Growth	70.66	75.41	-2.06	1.08
Japan Growth	207.70	221.60	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.53	28.31†	-0.19	...
Japan Index	61.64	65.73†	-0.33	0.31
Nth American	415.00	442.90	-26.50	1.01
S pore Mly Gth	48.84	52.12	-0.71	...
The Footsie Fd	105.40	111.20	-0.30	2.82
Tiger Index	135.00	144.00	-1.20	0.73
Trixie Index	98.48	105.10†	-0.70	2.91
UK Index	119.60	127.60†	+0.10	3.38
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.29	89.06	-3.39	1.00
European P folio	72.21	76.67	+0.39	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.25	53.32	-0.24	...
Pacific P folio	91.01	97.87	-0.08	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.32	73.08	+0.10	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.15	65.58	+0.35	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.00	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.40	65.68	-0.60	2.47
Beckman Intl	79.93	84.38	+0.01	3.35
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	-2.72	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	-4.64	2.98
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	107.10	113.94	-6.80	...
European Gth	95.19	101.27	-0.76	1.27
Far East Gth	94.30	100.32	-0.25	0.33
Japan Gth Acc	33.69	35.84	-0.14	...
Managed	60.35	64.20	-0.13	3.03
-do- Acc	72.89	77.54	-0.15	3.03
Mthly Inc Plus	46.94	49.94	+0.51	8.25
Smaller Cos	31.68	33.70†	+0.27	2.17
-do- Acc	35.66	37.94	+0.32	2.17
UK General	66.90	71.17	+0.67	2.79
-do- Acc	80.21	85.33	+0.81	2.79
Wwide Bd	65.25	69.42	-0.45	6.18
-do- Acc	81.77	86.99	-0.57	6.18
Wwide Sp Sits	53.09	56.78†	-1.33	0.28
-do- Acc	55.31	59.16	-1.26	0.28
Quilter General	121.25	128.99	+3.48	2.52
-do- Acc	133.46	141.98	+3.83	2.52
Quilter Income	90.10	95.85†	+1.02	4.96
-do- Acc	111.05	118.14	+1.02	4.96
Quilter Intl	122.61	130.44	-7.22	0.46
-do- Acc	124.31	132.24	-7.32	0.46
Quilter UK Spec	68.40	72.77	+0.90	2.53
-do- Acc	90.49	96.27	+1.18	2.53
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.87	104.12	+0.71	1.86
Fixed Conv	39.92	42.47†	+0.01	8.31
-do- Acc	104.13	110.78	-0.01	8.31
Equity Inc	138.82	147.68†	+2.34	4.18
-do- Acc	446.37	474.86	+7.54	4.18
High Yield	115.37	122.73	+2.03	5.23
-do- Acc	431.79	459.35	+7.59	5.23
Preference	47.23	50.24†	+1.25	7.88
-do- Acc	239.24	254.51	+6.69	7.88
PPT Europe	149.33	158.86	-1.63	0.59
PPT Global Bnd	84.03	89.39	-0.47	4.85
PPT Gold Com	49.75	52.92	-1.85	...
PPT Thai	57.57	61.24	-2.25	...
PPT Hong Kong	97.19	103.39	+2.86	0.43
PPT Japan	92.68	98.60	-0.28	...
PPT N Amer	149.21	158.73	-9.94	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.56	105.91	-1.24	...
PPT UK	113.03	120.24	+1.04	1.54
PPT Cash	91.03	91.03	+0.07	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.59	81.48	-0.65	0.97
Japanese Acc	48.27	51.35	-0.38	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.90	129.70	+1.60	2.59
-do- Acc	142.30	151.40	+1.90	2.59
UK Growth Acc	202.60	215.50	+3.30	2.24
UK High Inc	129.50	137.80	+2.10	6.89
-do- Acc	152.90	162.70	+2.40	6.89
N America Acc	112.00	119.10	-8.20	0.33
European Acc	151.00	160.60	-1.20	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.99	63.67	+0.56	8.87
-do- Acc	96.82	102.80	+0.90	8.87
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.13	48.01	-1.29	0.24
Environmntl Opp	71.31	75.86	+0.97	1.46
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1800				
American	110.90	117.80	-6.80	...
UK Smlr Cos	180.70	192.00	+2.90	1.30
Eurofund	37.81	39.97	-0.01	1.00
Mngd Exempt	163.30	170.20	-0.50	3.08
Growth Inc	209.00	222.10†	+1.70	4.05
High Dist	135.80	144.30	+1.20	5.99
International	310.90	330.30	-2.60	0.98
Intl Income	79.89	85.28†	-0.53	3.05
Pacific	56.60	60.14	-0.77	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	55.58	59.05	+0.30	...
Tokyo	162.60	172.90	-1.50	...
Japan Exempt	91.78	94.30	-0.16	0.53
Sm Jap Exempt	462.60	475.30	+6.20	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	165.00	175.50	+1.40	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.75	108.16	+0.70	3.61
High Income	117.25	123.42	+0.91	5.23
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.15	145.42†	-0.70	2.21
Special Sits	82.92	87.28	+1.38	3.31
North American	104.44	109.94	-7.68	1.00
Far Eastern	212.16	223.33	-1.26	1.55
Intl Growth	89.25	93.95	-1.77	1.47
European	63.73	67.08	-0.37	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.53	73.19	+1.17	2.27
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	214.70	228.00	-13.80	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.03
European Tst	109.40	116.40	-0.30	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.24	98.68	-0.60	0.88
Far Eastern	117.10	125.30	+0.70	...
Oseas Income	87.70	93.98	-1.60	2.72
UK Growth	89.90	96.15†	+1.08	1.72
UK Income	99.86	106.80	+0.60	3.88
US Smaller Cos	226.20	241.90	-13.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	409.90	438.30	-39.90	...
-do- Acc	418.70	447.70	-40.90	...
Capital	281.10	299.00	+1.30	2.18
-do- Acc	388.10	412.80	+1.80	2.18
Contl Smllr Cos	45.80	49.28	-0.07	1.37
-do- Acc	47.39	50.99	-0.07	1.37
Convertible	107.00	113.80	+0.20	6.62
-do- Acc	198.20	210.80	+0.20	6.62
European	97.14	103.80	-0.90	1.00
-do- Acc	100.40	107.30	-0.90	1.00
Extra Income	279.20	296.90†	+1.90	4.56
-do- Acc	390.90	415.80†	+2.70	4.56
Financial	103.00	110.80	-4.80	0.57
-do- Acc	107.20	115.40	-4.90	0.57
Health Fund Inc	118.30	126.30	-12.50	...
-do- Acc	118.30	126.30	-12.50	...
Income Tst	170.70	181.50	...	4.31
-do- Acc	238.00	253.10	+0.10	4.31
Intl Growth	298.10	318.90	-14.70	...
-do- Acc	331.00	354.10	-16.40	...
Japan Gen	138.60	148.70	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	140.20	150.20	-2.00	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.85	93.52	-0.85	1.07
-do- Acc	91.75	96.57	-0.88	1.07
Monthly Income	141.50	150.50	+1.50	4.65
Recovery	281.90	301.40†	-10.80	0.65
-do- Acc	330.20	353.10†	-12.50	0.65
Gilt Gth Tst	61.58	63.47	+0.92	7.01
-do- Acc	77.28	79.68	+1.15	7.01
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	340.18	361.89	+4.03	2.97
-do- Acc	686.85	730.69	+8.15	2.97
Euro Gth Dist	103.57	110.18†	-0.78	0.99
-do- Acc	106.66	113.47†	-0.78	0.99
Fixed Int Dist	130.27	137.79	+1.48	6.62
-do- Acc	216.21	228.70	+2.46	6.62
Intl Gth Dist	72.90	77.55	-1.52	0.73
-do- Acc	75.41	80.22	-1.57	0.73
Nth Amer Dist	166.75	176.79†	-10.11	0.84
-do- Acc	180.84	191.73†	-11.13	0.84
Pac Basin Dist	221.45	235.58†	+0.02	0.02
-do- Acc	224.94	239.30†	+0.11	0.02
Stewardship Dist	289.31	307.78	+3.03	1.95
-do- Acc	342.29	364.14	+3.60	1.95
Stwd Inc Dist	59.73	63.54†	+0.75	3.96
-do- Acc	73.28	77.96†	+0.93	3.96
N Am Stwd Dist	95.68	101.79†	-4.61	0.05
-do- Acc	101.22	107.68†	-4.88	0.05
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	130.20	139.30	-11.10	...
European	397.20	421.20	-4.60	0.94
Far East General	195.00	208.60	-0.80	0.31
Germany	98.27	104.10	+0.60	0.39
Global Assets In	64.97	69.47	-0.92	2.21
Global Assets Ac	68.07	72.79	-0.96	2.18
Income	109.80	117.50	+1.70	7.17
International	248.30	265.60	-3.90	0.98
Intl Income	75.37	79.97	-1.14	4.61
Japan General	309.20	327.30	-0.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.61	47.72†	+0.06	6.36
UK Capital Inc	150.10	160.60	+3.40	4.10
-do- Acc	256.60	274.50	+5.80	4.00
Uk Spec Sits	69.05	73.85	+1.19	1.65
US General	110.80	118.00	-6.40	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.40	119.20	-3.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.07	44.99†	+0.21	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.36	127.36†	+0.09	4.84
Pract Inv Inc	100.47	107.74	-0.29	4.09
-do- Acc	214.49	230.02	-0.62	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	95.94	102.89	+0.59	1.64
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.31	26.00†	+0.17	9.00
High Inc	30.19	32.29†	+0.27	5.61
UK Equity Inc	122.75	131.28†	+1.80	4.31
Global Bond	30.10	31.25	-0.17	5.90
International Funds				
Gold Intl	64.12	68.76	-2.09	1.70
Frontier Markets	40.86	43.82	-1.13	0.30
Global Inc Gth	118.86	126.95	-2.32	-2.76
UK Intl	107.76	115.25	-0.05	0.95
Overseas Funds				
American	126.47	135.26	-8.63	0.61
European	81.53	86.46†	-1.17	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	93.76	99.71†	-0.41	1.30
American Emerg	74.92	80.34	-5.66	...
Hong Kong	103.73	111.24†	+2.07	1.97
Japan	168.01	178.82	-0.41	...
Pacific Growth	139.21	149.29	-1.44	0.52
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	118.68	126.93	-3.23	0.95
American Gth	118.47	126.71	-9.40	0.35
European Gth	68.70	73.48	-0.17	0.82
German Horizn	48.27	51.51	-0.57	0.92
Japan Gth	62.76	67.12	-0.54	...
Pacific Inc	125.09	133.79	-0.51	3.22
Pacific Strategy	103.29	110.48	-1.19	...
UK Prog Inc	70.62	74.44	+0.91	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.97	49.51	+0.62	2.00
UK Small Cos	42.89	45.87	-0.73	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.00	130.00	+0.10	4.94
Gilt Fixed	120.60	127.90	+2.50	6.57
Growth Equity	279.30	298.30	+6.00	2.29
Guardhill	412.30	440.40†	+5.20	2.62
Income Trust	101.80	108.70	+1.10	3.89
International	149.60	159.80	-3.10	0.32
Japan Trust	102.60	109.60†	-0.70	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	250.00	267.00	-16.10	0.37
Pacific	330.70	353.30	-1.50	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	337.90	360.70	+1.40	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838968				
Global Adv Inc	33.72	35.75†	-0.25	1.80
-do- Acc	35.31	37.43	-0.26	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.83	30.56	+0.04	4.32
-do- Acc	29.71	31.50	+0.03	4.32
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 221500. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	68.59	73.48	-1.77	0.75
Equity Income	108.10	115.00†	+1.30	3.72
European	136.50	142.30	-0.10	1.49
Intl Situation	71.85	76.44	-0.61	...
Japanese	113.00	120.40	-0.70	...
North American	100.60	106.70	-6.20	0.06
Scandinavian	103.60	109.40	-1.20	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.32	30.13†	-0.61	2.42
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.38	94.51	-8.03	...
Asian Enterprise	116.05	124.34	-2.04	0.85
Australian	127.87	136.69	-3.26	1.40
European	357.21	378.26	-4.65	0.99
European Inc	68.09	72.09†	-0.62	3.08
Euro Sml Co	119.30	127.01	+0.28	0.81
Extra Income	251.38	267.61	+3.18	5.43
Family of Funds	66.38	70.89†	-0.33	1.27
Fixed Interest	55.72	59.38	+0.67	9.40
Global Resour	79.95	85.82†	-2.57	1.56
High Inc	269.31	287.88†	+2.32	4.68
Income Gth	227.05	241.80	+2.27	3.92
-do- Acc	571.38	608.51	+5.73	3.92
International	217.19	231.15	-8.06	0.85
Japan Spc Sit	186.76	198.52	-2.06	...
Japan	160.85	170.96†	-2.69	...
N Amer	225.34	240.06†	-17.58	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	159.28	171.63	-1.28	0.89
Pref Gilt	45.86	49.84†	+0.54	9.34
Smaller Cos Div	153.69	167.51†	+1.37	4.41
Special Sits	248.00	265.35	+1.56	1.49
-do- Acc	379.81	406.38	+2.38	1.49
Best of British	54.36	58.26	+0.62	2.44
Spirit of the East	52.55	56.11	-1.47	0.75
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.93	90.83	-0.26	2.34
Capital	148.80	159.10†	...	2.08
Dollar	300.10	320.90	-20.20	0.30
European	190.20	203.40	-2.80	0.57
Far East	224.20	239.70	-1.90	0.64
Financial	633.70	677.70	-6.30	2.63
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.80	26.86†	+0.51	8.10
High Yield	96.78	103.50	+0.70	5.22
Income	128.70	137.60	+0.90	3.65
Intl	202.20	216.30†	-4.80	0.52
Japan Tech	54.56	58.35†	-1.91	...
Nat Resources	55.40	59.25	-1.01	0.90
Security	283.90	303.60	+2.20	2.19
Smaller Cos	102.40	109.50	+1.00	1.78
Special Sits	129.00	137.90	+1.40	2.38
US Smaller Cos	64.73	69.22	-9.25	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	242.70	255.50	-2.60	1.41
Capital Gwth	101.90	107.30	+0.90	2.48
Inv Trusts	123.00	129.50	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.05	24.24†	+0.29	1.80
Special Features	25.92	27.54	+0.13	1.63
-do- Acc	30.40	32.29	+0.14	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.88	54.47	-0.08	2.73
Assets Earnings	67.78	72.01†	+0.37	2.08
do Acc	79.78	84.76†	+0.42	2.08
Managed Invest	80.17	85.64†	-1.16	1.39
Rupert Children	73.48	78.36	+0.48	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.09	50.09†	+0.03	5.02
Extra Inc	76.18	81.54†	+0.95	5.35
Gilt	27.62	29.08	+0.36	7.14
Income Gth	37.07	39.65	+0.41	3.80
MIMstar	76.17	78.05	+0.46	8.29
Preference	17.53	19.20†	+0.43	6.96
UK Income	297.60	318.00	+1.50	3.62
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	51.99	55.23	-0.14	1.72
Property Shares	55.81	59.29	+0.02	2.19
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	136.50	143.50	+2.20	3.74
European Acc	110.30	116.90	-0.90	1.89
European Dist	105.00	111.30	-0.80	1.92
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.50	51.62	-3.35	1.06
European Perf	106.50	113.30	+0.20	1.24
-do- Acc	108.90	115.40	+0.10	1.24
Euro Small Cos	20.02	21.32	-0.12	0.80
French Growth	67.33	71.65†	-0.08	0.66
-do- Acc	71.76	76.37†	-0.08	0.64
Hong K/China	63.61	68.44†	-1.53	1.55
Intl Growth	47.93	50.92	-1.27	1.24
-do- Acc	47.93	50.92	-1.27	1.24
Japan Perf	26.48	28.11	-0.25	...
Accum Units	26.48	28.11	-0.25	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.54	30.31	-0.34	...
Singapore Asean	70.20	76.05	-0.90	0.63
-do- Acc	70.63	76.52	-0.90	0.63
South East Asia	207.20	223.30	+1.10	0.91
US Smllr Cos	106.50	113.10	-8.70	...
-do- Acc	107.60	114.30	-8.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.39	85.62	-1.70	2.74
Intl Bond	56.79	57.53†	-1.67	6.66
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.67	69.01†	+0.05	5.63
Extra Income	50.47	53.69	-0.41	7.17
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.80	+0.20	7.96
Global Income	189.50	201.60†	-1.50	4.24
High Yield	128.30	136.50†	+0.50	6.42
Smllr Cos Div	41.91	44.59†	-1.56	5.36
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.93	94.61	-4.88	...
North American	74.54	79.30	-3.88	0.44
European	129.10	137.30	-0.90	0.92
Euro Special	77.00	81.91	-0.36	1.01
General	257.90	274.40†	+1.10	3.47
Japan	320.40	340.90	-0.50	...
Japanese Special	171.90	182.90	-0.70	...
Master Acc	210.40	223.80	+0.50	1.47
Pacific	238.50	253.70	-0.20	0.52
Smaller Cos	94.85	100.90	+3.87	2.29
UK Equity Gth	33.51	35.65†	+1.26	2.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.27	76.88	-0.47	0.72
Extra Income	23.42	24.91	+0.29	3.54
Far East	23.08	24.55	-0.08	0.99
Income Gwth	70.15	74.63†	-0.38	3.09
Intl Growth	48.40	51.49	-0.89	1.02
Japan	51.61	54.90†	-0.39	...
Maximum Dist*	100.40	102.40†	+0.10	8.15
N Amer Equity	39.57	42.10	-2.47	0.50
UK Equity	83.54	88.87	+1.03	2.93
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.57	54.86†	+0.35	4.85
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.00†	439.40	+1.10	3.00
Equity Acc	777.80	827.50	+2.20	3.00
Equity Income	87.97	93.59†	+1.04	3.25
European	94.38	100.40†	-1.10	1.64
Far Eastern	158.20	168.30	-1.90	0.34
Fixed Interest	50.43	53.66	+0.97	8.00
Gilt	90.87	96.36	+1.30	6.80
Global Growth	61.48	65.40	-1.65	1.04
Intl Bond	56.89	60.52†	-0.56	5.40
Japanese	55.35	58.88	-0.43	...
Overseas Equity	88.93	94.61	-3.12	0.88
Pacific Gth	77.88	82.85	-1.22	1.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	309.10	328.90	+8.10	3.21
-do- Acc	669.40	712.20	+17.70	3.21
Contl Euro Gth	50.78	53.46	-0.32	1.37
-do- Acc	53.70	56.53	-0.35	1.37
Extra Inc	232.30	247.20	+1.90	4.34
-do- Acc	565.00	601.10	+4.60	4.34
German Gth	101.00	106.40	-0.70	0.16
-do- Acc	105.90	111.50	-0.80	0.16
Growth Port	473.10	503.30	+3.00	2.79
-do- Acc	473.10	503.30	+3.00	2.79
Income	434.00	461.80	+3.50	3.93
-do- Acc	1099.0	1170.0	+9.00	3.93
Income Port	478.20	508.60	+3.10	4.48
-do- Acc	478.20	508.60	+3.10	4.48
Japan Growth	76.75	81.65	-0.28	0.01
-do- Acc	77.01	81.93	-0.29	0.01
Master Trust	50.33	53.55	-0.09	1.37
-do- Acc	54.74	58.24	-0.10	1.37
N American Gen	183.00	194.70	-13.30	0.01
-do- Acc	211.50	225.00	-15.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.00	140.50	-8.60	0.01
-do- Acc	134.70	143.40	-8.80	0.01
Pacific Basin	199.30	201.40	-0.60	0.53
-do- Acc	200.00	212.80	-0.70	0.53
Small Cos Rec	286.70	301.50	-7.60	2.40
-do- Acc	369.80	389.30	-9.90	2.40
UK Growth	75.93	80.78	-0.68	2.39
-do- Acc	88.53	94.19	-0.79	2.39
Worldwide Gth	265.10	282.10	-7.30	0.26
-do- Acc	390.60	415.60	-10.80	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.29	80.78	+0.72	3.10
Income	58.48	62.75	+0.71	6.10
International	53.34	57.23	-1.70	0.80
American	58.80	63.09	-4.53	0.40
Japan	40.61	43.57	-0.20	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.82	56.67	+0.03	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	381.70	403.40†	-29.10	0.93
-do- Acc	471.00	497.70	-36.00	0.92
American Rec	394.90	417.60	-34.60	0.59
-do- Acc	451.80	477.70	-39.60	0.59
Am Sm Co Acc	115.00	123.10	-9.60	0.14
Australia Acc	133.60	141.20	-3.10	1.70
Capital	597.00	631.30†	-2.00	3.29
-do- Acc	659.70	696.50	-2.20	3.29
Commodity Acc	378.40	400.30	-5.00	1.30
Compnd Gth	775.80	820.40	+3.00	3.44
Dividend	32.50	34.80	+0.40	4.87
-do- Acc	126.40	135.30	+1.30	4.87
Equity Inc	274.30	290.00†	-4.10	5.74
European Div	56.20	60.00†	...	5.09
-do- Acc	63.90	67.80	...	5.09
European Gen	373.60	395.10	-1.60	1.55
-do- Acc	466.70	493.60	-2.10	1.55
Extra Yield	345.80	370.00	+3.90	5.16
-do- Acc	993.80	1063.3	-11.10	5.16
Far Eastern	256.50	271.20†	-2.30	1.49
-do- Acc	337.40	356.80	-1.90	1.49
Fund of Inv	479.40	507.00	+1.80	2.44
-do- Acc	865.10	914.90	+3.40	2.44
General	50.60	53.50	+0.60	4.06
-do- Acc	133.40	141.00	+1.60	4.06
Gilt Fxd Int	61.20	61.20†	+0.70	8.89
do Acc	151.10	151.30	+1.80	8.89
Gold	36.40	38.90†	-0.60	2.04
-do- Acc	42.50	45.40	-0.80	2.04
High Inc	23.10	24.40	+0.30	5.22
-do- Acc	85.50	90.40	+1.00	5.22
Intl Growth	64.30	68.20†	-2.00	1.16
-do- Acc	110.80	117.50	-3.60	1.16
Intl Inc	87.90	93.60	-1.40	5.27
Japan Gen Acc	40.40	42.80	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	116.50	123.30	-0.90	...
Midland	48.90	52.30	+0.90	4.64
-do- Acc	154.70	165.50	+2.90	4.64
Recovery	33.30	35.60	+0.40	3.52
-do- Acc	52.30	55.90	+0.50	3.52
Second Gen	56.80	60.10	+0.60	3.99
-do- Acc	139.00	147.00	+1.50	3.99
Smaller Cos	55.20	58.50†	+0.40	3.81
-do- Acc	104.70	110.90	+0.80	3.81
Trustee	35.90	38.00	+0.40	4.39
Charibond 3	†110.38	...	+1.37	9.77
Charifund 2	594.10	600.10†	+5.70	5.37
Pension ex 1	825.40	846.10	+6.60	4.71
NAACIF Inc 3	144.75	...	+0.50	7.98
-do- Acc 3	1051.7	...	-11.50	7.98
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680064				
Inv Port Inc	129.40	138.40†	-0.30	2.63
-do- Acc	143.70	153.70†	-0.40	2.63
UK Income	106.70	114.10†	-1.10	3.22
-do- Acc	119.00	127.30†	+1.30	3.22
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.05	80.26†	-2.34	0.63
Far East (Pacific)	122.40	129.90	+1.70	0.44
Income Growth	69.15	73.40†	+0.75	4.41
European	64.59	68.56†	+0.06	2.02
Nth American	56.46	59.93	-3.51	1.21
UK Growth	74.34	78.91	+1.17	1.50
Intl Growth	85.67	90.94	-1.98	0.75
Charities	103.50	109.80†	+0.90	4.80
Intl Income	63.50	67.40	+0.03	4.50
Japan	40.78	43.29	-0.34	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	187.60	199.10	-12.00	...
-do- Acc	200.50	212.80	-12.80	...
Cash	100.50	100.50	+0.10	6.40
-do- Acc	127.90	127.90	+0.10	6.40
European Gth	190.90	202.60	-2.30	0.34
-do- Acc	204.40	216.90	-2.50	0.34
General	444.70	474.00	+6.50	2.74
-do- Acc	833.60	888.80	+12.20	2.74
Global Dist	135.00	141.90	-1.00	5.49
-do- Acc	148.00	155.50	-1.10	5.49
Income	131.20	139.90†	-1.10	5.20
-do- Acc	192.00	204.70†	+2.00	5.20
International	356.70	380.50	-7.40	0.98
-do- Acc	473.10	504.60	-10.00	0.98
Japan	151.00	161.10†	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	155.90	165.40†	...	...
New Europe	129.30	138.00†	-0.60	1.45
-do- Acc	131.40	140.20†	-0.60	1.45
Recovery	274.60	255.00	-3.20	2.40
-do- Acc	343.20	366.10	+4.00	2.40
European Inc	73.05	77.38	-0.90	3.03
-do- Acc	92.67	98.56	-1.14	3.03
Brit Blue Chip	69.77	74.25	+1.30	3.71
-do- Acc	81.70	86.95	+1.53	3.71
Portfolio	71.60	76.09	+0.46	3.15
-do- Acc	80.23	85.26	-0.52	2.40
Gold General	63.91	68.18	+0.54	3.56
-do- Acc	64.79	69.11	+0.55	3.56
Pacific	84.00	89.61	-0.81	0.55
-do- Acc	88.80	94.73	-0.85	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	48.65	51.90	-0.31	1.10
-do- Acc	54.10	57.71	-0.34	1.10
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.08	59.98	-0.15	3.42
-do- Acc	56.08	59.98	-0.15	3.42
British Dist	74.50	79.77	+1.44	2.34
-do- Acc	84.38	90.25	+0.55	2.34
European Gth	166.40	176.70	-2.00	0.21
-do- Acc	207.90	221.40	-2.50	0.21
Extra High Inc	66.62	71.25	+0.54	6.65
-do- Acc	115.80	123.80	+0.90	6.65
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.37	58.74	+0.53	7.10
-do- Acc	146.30	152.50	+1.40	7.10
High Yield	209.30	223.90	+1.20	5.26
-do- Acc	480.40	513.80	+2.80	5.26
Income	265.00	283.40†	+1.40	4.02
-do- Acc	550.50	588.80	+2.90	4.02
Japan Gth	269.20	287.90	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	294.10	303.50	-1.90	...
Mandarin Acc	90.12	96.39	-0.40	1.29
North American	162.50	173.90	-11.10	0.95
-do- Acc	204.20	218.40	-14.00	0.95
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	247.50	263.70†	-16.50	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03†	-0.01	5.08
Deposit Acc	121.25	121.25†	-0.01	5.08
Euro Gth Acc	252.00	268.90†	-1.30	...
Europa	114.40	122.80†	-2.10	...
Intl Gth	156.40	167.10	-3.70	...
Japan Tracker	59.83	63.39	-0.23	...
UK Equity Inc	137.90	148.50	+0.60	5.28
-do- Acc	166.00	178.80	+0.70	5.28
UK Ind Tracker	137.10	146.60†	+1.00	3.60
US Eq Ind Trk	191.20	202.70	-10.90	1.27
-do- Acc	201.20	213.30	-11.40	1.27
Asian Tracker	141.20	153.30	+1.50	1.01
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PR. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	170.50	174.20†	-9.60	2.73
European	59.52	61.23	-0.59	1.27
Olympiad	51.32	52.71†	-1.50	0.84
Global Bond	47.50	48.13†	-0.06	7.15
Smaller Cos	58.59	61.46	+0.26	1.97
Equity Income	89.25	91.66	+0.35	5.03
UK Growth	83.72	82.99	+0.21	1.87
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 377730				
American Acc	46.95	50.05	-3.08	0.76
Australian Acc	280.80	301.20	-1.50	...
Conscience	61.55	65.66	+0.46	1.77
-do- Acc	66.09	70.53	+0.49	1.77
European	167.22	178.38	-1.50	1.21
-do- Acc	178.40	190.30	-1.50	1.21
Extra Income	70.36	75.09	+0.56	6.30
-do- Acc	105.70	112.80	+0.90	6.30
Far East Gth	142.20	152	+0.90	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.25	60.59	+0.19	7.61
Gold	28.49	30.62	-0.59	...
-do- Acc	30.67	32.97	-0.64	...
Income	49.86	53.18	+0.51	5.64
-do- Acc	149.50	159.42	+0.90	5.64
International	27.88	29.91	-0.70	0.90
-do- Acc	40.02	42.98	-1.00	0.90
Jap Sm Cos Acc	250.42	282	-2.51	...
S pore Mly Acc	148.90	159.60	-4.42	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.52	25.30	-0.27	2.02
Special Sits	31.50	33.44	+0.34	1.85
-do- Acc	35.49	38.16	+0.38	1.85
Tokyo	66.65	71.09	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	67.51	71.90	-0.24	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 55 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.40	69.58	-0.54	3.00
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.77	77.41	+0.87	7.20
N&P Higher Inc	177.10	188.00†	-2.60	5.08
N&P UK Income	95.54	102.19	+0.60	4.23
N&P Intl	93.29	99.56	-3.04	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	71.06	76.01	-1.22	1.85
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	155.51	165.44	-0.25	2.53
Global	251.48	278.18	-5.17	0.82
Growth	101.34	107.49	-0.80	2.50
Income	191.76	204.02	+1.53	4.50
Intl Bond	125.94	133.98	-2.04	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0500 626577.				
Growth	134.40	141.53	+1.80	2.84
-do- Acc	232.80	245.20	+2.70	2.84
Income	209.50	222.80	+1.40	3.92
Intl Equity	205.90	219.00	-3.00	1.17
-do- Acc	225.40	239.80	-3.30	1.17
Equity	209.00	222.30	+1.50	2.71
-do- Acc	423.60	450.60	+3.20	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.69	69.88	-0.12	2.18
UK Income	56.98	60.61†	+0.55	3.48
UK SmllrCo Acc	67.08	71.36	+1.57	1.80
New Europe Acc	60.95	64.84	-0.53	1.87
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.57	88.10	-1.00	0.29
PEP Gth Inc	92.38	98.81	+1.87	1.46
Intl Gth	434.57	464.79	-10.09	0.75
Income	224.71	238.81	+2.16	4.08
W wide Recov	270.27	289.06	-7.82	1.25
American Gth	192.61	206.01	-14.14	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	167.44	179.09	-3.58	0.27
Far East Gth	175.40	187.60	-0.51	0.32
European Gth	108.14	115.66	-0.27	1.16
UK Growth	70.14	75.02	+0.78	3.20
High Income	75.75	81.02	+0.94	4.90
Japanese Gth	160.71	171.48	-0.29	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	164.70	175.20	-4.40	0.82
High Income	104.40	111.10	+1.10	3.90
Conv Gilt	107.70	114.60†	+1.10	6.72
Far East	281.70	299.70	-9.40	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.56	51.66	-4.28	0.57
Emerging Mkts	58.37	62.10	-1.21	0.23
General	46.16	49.11	-0.16	3.49
International	80.30	85.43	-2.19	1.33
Gilt Units	25.32	26.10†	-0.25	8.15
Global PEP	34.30	36.49	-0.99	2.14
Income Gth	60.81	64.69†	+0.54	5.44
European	43.03	45.78	-0.45	1.16
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.34	26.96	+0.19	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.63	30.62	-0.24	1.62
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.93	100.93†	+0.08	5.37
-do- Acc	103.98	103.98†	+0.08	5.37
Pru Equity	636.65	680.90	-0.27	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	76.62	81.94†	+0.11	4.62
Pru European	169.55	181.33	-1.86	1.86
Pru Global Gth	74.45	79.62†	-0.78	1.61
Pru High Inc	83.70	89.51	+0.16	5.73
Pru Intl	148.10	158.39†	-3.64	1.37
Pru Intl Sm Co	62.97	67.34	-1.65	0.96
Pru Japanese	143.85	153.85	-0.95	...
Pru Nth Amer	139.50	149.19	-9.56	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.63	74.47†	+0.10	1.89
Pru Premr Inc	49.19	51.22†	+0.68	7.47
Pru Smllr Cos	77.85	83.26	+0.38	2.07
Pru Spec Sits	94.51	101.08†	+0.25	2.29
Pru UK Growth	105.68	113.02†	+0.14	2.39
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	149.09	160.25	+0.98	3.77
Japan	217.35	232.85	+0.55	...
Major UK Cos	90.43	97.12	+0.57	2.59
America Income	455.32	487.80	-28.66	0.59
-do- Acc	528.85	566.58	-33.28	0.59
Smllr UK Cos	245.30	267.15	+0.61	1.89
Smllr European	246.23	260.36	-0.77	1.55
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 920929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.05	75.56	-3.48	3.57
Capital Units	136.90	145.60	...	1.60
Commodity	94.46	100.40†	-4.80	1.33
European Gth	148.70	158.10	-0.90	1.46
Financial Sec	161.20	171.40	-1.00	2.07
High Return	204.60	217.60†	+1.10	4.99
High Yield	199.20	211.90	-0.70	4.26
Income Units	103.60	110.20†	-1.40	5.81
Investment	164.70	175.20	-0.80	1.50
Japan Gth	113.10	120.30	-1.40	...
Japan Smaller	154.60	164.40	-2.10	...
Masterfund	43.62	46.40	-0.79	1.26
Scotbits	235.30	250.30†	-1.50	2.21
Scotshares	241.90	257.30	...	2.80
Scotyields	213.40	227.00†	-1.30	4.10
Select Intl	122.00	129.70	-3.00	0.71
Smaller Cos	206.80	219.90	+1.90	4.66
Special Situation	105.30	112.00	+1.80	0.85
UK Equity	214.00	227.60†	+2.80	3.09
US Growth	136.70	145.40†	-10.20	0.31
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	234.58	250.21	-18.82	0.72
-do- Acc	253.42	270.31	-20.34	0.72
Australian	125.28	133.63†	-1.77	0.26
-do- Acc	146.80	156.59	-2.07	0.26
UK Enterprise	195.19	208.20†	-2.92	3.13
-do- Acc	225.48	240.52	-3.41	3.13
European Gth	60.77	64.82†	-0.47	1.34
-do- Acc	62.91	67.10	-0.49	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	54.76	58.41†	-0.31	0.70
-do- Acc	55.14	58.81	-0.31	0.70
Far Eastern Gth	62.68	66.85†	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	63.77	68.02	-0.51	...
Fixed Interest	52.90	55.78	+0.28	8.70
-do- Acc	63.37	66.82	+0.45	8.70
Gilt Income	104.47	110.08	+0.86	8.55
-do- Acc	141.25	148.84	+1.17	8.55
Income	293.95	313.54	+3.75	4.58
-do- Acc	851.41	908.18	+10.87	4.58
Japan Enterprise	51.66	55.10	-0.82	...
-do- Acc	51.66	55.10	-0.82	...
Japan Smllr Cos	330.31	352.33†	-3.08	...
-do- Acc	330.97	353.03	-3.09	...
Pacific Gth	80.26	85.61†	-0.16	0.56
-do- Acc	82.77	88.28	-0.16	0.56
Smaller Cos	179.81	191.79†	+3.74	1.31
-do- Acc	206.07	219.80	+4.29	1.31
Tokyo	83.36	88.93	-1.33	...
-do- Acc	84.20	89.80	-1.35	...
UK Equity	197.02	210.15†	+3.06	3.27
-do- Acc	364.86	389.19	+3.86	3.27
US Smllr Cos	122.97	131.16	-9.05	...
-do- Acc	122.97	131.16	-9.05	...
World Fd	66.74	71.18†	-0.15	1.76
-do- Acc	70.43	75.12	-0.15	1.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.83	44.55	+1.31	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.62	64.56	+0.66	1.92
European Opps	70.55	75.14	-0.63	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.64	102.21	+0.12	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.31	50.39	+0.27	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	331.60	354.10	+1.30	3.18
American	242.90	257.90	-17.20	0.99
Pacific	285.30	305.10	-0.70	0.87
European	446.50	477.50	+1.40	1.22
Worldwide	75.15	80.37	-0.64	1.48
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	295.00	313.90	+2.30	2.97
UK Sm Cos Eqty	189.50	201.60	+0.60	2.83
European	323.90	344.80	-1.90	1.78
North American	247.10	262.90	-15.70	0.55
Income Plus Inc	62.35	66.33	+1.32	4.20
UK Spec Sits	68.65	72.72	+0.37	2.66
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.34	26.05	+0.16	3.31
Intl Growth Acc	26.81	28.69	-0.40	1.22
Global Inc Acc	29.92	32.02	-0.28	4.09
Market Ldrs Acc	25.10	26.85†	+0.66	3.27
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	90.41	86.00	-6.53	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.52	45.18	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	45.02	47.84	-0.16	...
Far East Opps	29.47	31.58	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	30.28	32.45	-0.15	...
General Growth	95.73	102.50†	+0.40	...
Global Tech	117.00	126.50	-8.10	...
Income Growth	96.09	103.20†	-0.80	3.99
Income Monthly	55.11	58.94	+0.47	5.34
Japan Growth	65.13	69.26	-0.54	...
Overseas Gth	71.25	75.88	-1.98	...
Smaller Cos	68.99	74.07	+0.78	1.92
Special Opps	94.97	102.10†	+0.10	2.05
Wld Spec Sits	43.48	46.81†	-0.62	...
-do- Acc	43.58	46.92	-0.62	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.33	44.98	-0.13	1.83
Equity Gth Acc	57.29	60.88	+0.62	1.24
UK Eq General	[illegible]	47.64	+0.18	2.43
-do- Acc	53.99	57.26	+0.24	2.42
European Acc	46.53	43.44	-0.18	1.37
Far East Acc	47.57	50.55	-0.30	0.35
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.35	32.10	+0.01	6.57
N American Acc	43.64	[illegible]	-3.05	2.65
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	253.00	274.60	-8.50	1.75
UK Eq High Inc	34.19	36.32	+0.29	3.96
-do- Acc	40.04	42.55	+0.34	3.90
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.50	305.50	+1.90	3.87
UK Lgr Cos Acc	362.10	392.90	+2.40	3.87
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.35	NZ$3.55	-0.02	1.11
US Eq	$1.934	$2.054	-0.11	0.74
Far East Eq	Y194.7	Y206.9	+0.10	..
Japan Eq	Y199.3	Y211.7	+2.80	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.40	-0.70	1.69
FT North Am	$1.661	$1.764	-0.06	0.91
FT Japan	Y194.6	Y206.0	+1.00	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.30	121.30	-0.90	1.46
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	343.00	364.30	-22.90	0.29
British	908.10	960.80	+9.00	4.69
European	370.70	394.70	+3.30	1.62
Japan	119.90	127.50	-0.40	...
New Pacific	280.80	299.00	-4.60	1.39
Mngd Cash	95.93	95.93	+0.07	5.39
Majority Stlg	100.11	101.11	+0.08	5.27
Inv Tst	177.60	188.30	-1.00	2.03
Salmns FPP	360.00	365.30	+24.90	
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	702.70	751.60†	-11.20	2.57
N America Acc	109.90	117.10†	-12.40	0.33
Far East Acc	111.40	119.10†	-0.30	0.17
W wide Bond	62.44	66.28	-0.65	5.37
European	80.19	85.76	-0.89	0.65
Equity Income	75.18	93.61	-0.66	4.14
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.80	36.15	-2.13	0.83
Managed Assets	114.28	122.23	+0.26	3.75
UK Income	35.29	37.74	+0.36	4.05
UK Growth	35.16	37.61	+0.28	3.05
Worldwide Gth	28.92	30.93	-0.83	0.64
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	198.37	211.03	-11.54	0.25
-do- Acc	217.57	231.79	-12.68	0.25
British Gth	82.49	87.75	-0.82	2.56
-do- Acc	96.26	102.40	+0.96	2.36
European	90.64	96.42†	-0.94	1.20
-do- Acc	95.60	101.71†	-0.98	1.20
Extra Inc	177.18	188.49†	+1.43	4.65
-do- Acc	282.61	300.65†	+6.97	4.65
General Unit	251.39	267.43†	+1.17	2.63
-do- Acc	496.04	527.70†	-2.31	2.63
Income	310.76	330.60	-8.67	3.86
-do- Acc	632.97	673.37	-17.64	3.86
International	468.01	497.88	-12.61	0.59
-do- Acc	611.77	650.81	-16.48	0.59
Pacific	306.92	326.51	-9.79	0.05
-do- Acc	321.43	341.95	-10.26	0.05
Premier Income	50.21	52.30†	-0.93	7.37
-do- Acc	103.11	107.41†	+1.91	7.37
Nat Resources	88.37	94.01	-5.31	..
-do- Acc	96.90	103.08	-5.84	..
Selected Opps	89.40	95.11	-1.37	1.32
-do- Acc	111.64	118.77	-1.71	1.32
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	122.00	130.40	-9.20	0.24
Australia	6.801	7.300†	-0.19	1.10
Equity	175.30	187.60	+1.50	4.55
Euro Spec Sits	141.20	149.90	-1.50	0.58
Financial	37.31	39.90	-0.30	3.04
Global Opps Inc	85.57	91.37	-2.56	2.20
-do- Acc	88.69	94.70	-2.66	2.20
Gold Gen Inc	40.15	43.00	-1.20	1.02
-do- Acc	76.60	82.12	-2.24	1.02
Income	114.20	122.30	-0.90	5.05
Japan General	122.40	130.20	-1.10	...
Preference	21.62	23.30†	+0.14	7.82
UK Capital	99.43	106.30†	+1.30	3.17
Worldwide Cap	190.80	203.90†	-1.10	3.15
World Income	80.54	85.86†	-1.23	3.54
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	70.69	75.40†	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	72.91	77.77†	-6.47	...
Cash	51.31	51.31	+0.04	6.24
-do- Acc	61.07	61.07	+0.05	6.24
European Opps	61.14	65.15	-0.71	0.45
-do- Acc	61.77	65.82	-0.71	0.45
Far East Opps	136.54	145.64	-0.35	0.67
-do- Acc	139.72	149.03	-0.37	0.67
Gold/Nat Res	37.03	39.49†	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	38.09	40.62†	-0.06	...
Japan	63.12	67.24	-1.34	...
-do- Acc	63.12	67.24	-1.34	...
Little Dragons	64.38	68.64	-0.96	0.72
-do- Acc	66.02	70.42	-0.97	0.72
Oriental Income	39.73	42.37	-0.45	3.75
-do- Acc	50.14	53.48	-0.56	3.75
Tiger	204.92	218.58	-1.78	1.21
-do- Acc	214.35	228.64	-1.95	1.21
UK Small Cos	67.59	72.38†	+1.37	2.25
-do- Acc	78.70	84.17†	+2.66	2.25
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	216.50	230.90	+3.50	4.56
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	11.19	11.90	+0.55	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.51	31.39	+0.05	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.60	40	-0.20	0.10
Global Bond	$0.957	$0.997	+0.01	7.22
Penny Share	20.40	21.70	-0.71	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.19	52.19	+0.04	6.29
Gilt Growth	65.21	67.37	+0.76	..
Gilt Income	52.35	54.47	+0.68	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.80	+0.30	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.711	$0.720	+0.00	...
Challenger	92.91	95.07	-0.77	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0785 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	65.33	69.49	+0.58	2.22

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,000	Coats Vyla	1,000	Legal & Gn	1,300	Scot & New	1,500
Alld-Lyons	1,000	Cm Union	365	Lloyds Bk	3,200	Scot Power	2,000
Anglian W	763	Courtaulds	449	MB Cardn	261	Sears	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,200	De La Rue	142	Marks Spr	1,400	Svrn Trent	1,400
Arjo Wig	2,100	Eng China	1,500	NFC	351	Shell Trans	2,200
AB Foods	128	Enterpr Oil	1,400	NatWst Bk	2,800	Siebe	668
BAA	829	Fisons	236	Nat Power	628	SmKl Bch	2,400
BAT Inds	1,700	Forte	1,100	Nth Wst W	954	Smith Nph	1,300
BOC	1,000	GRE	1,500	Nthrn Fds	1,600	Smith (WH)	608
BP	11,000	GUS A	483	P & O	525	Sthern Elec	451
BT	3,700	Gen Acc	508	Pearson	241	Std Chartd	548
BTR	1,400	Gen Elec	4,400	PowerGen	718	Sun Allnce	1,800
Bk of Scot	2,900	Glaxo	7,500	Prudential	2,500	TI Gp	1,100
Barclays	3,100	Granada	997	RTZ	2,300	TSB	1,900
Bass	2,700	Grand Met	4,600	Rank Org	1,000	Tate & Lyle	520
Blue Circle	4,000	Guinness	2,200	Reckitt Col	1,700	Tesco	6,600
Boots	1,100	HSBC	4,100	Redland	1,100	Thames W	1,200
Bowater	953	Hanson	7,800	Reed Intl	677	Thrn EMI	645
Brit Airwys	1,800	ICI	2,400	Rentokil	180	Tomkins	833
Brit Gas	4,600	Inchcape	190	Reuters	494	Unilever	891
Brit Steel	3,600	Kingfisher	4,600	Rothmans	659	Utd Bisc	5,700
Burmah C	374	Kwik Save	931	Ryl Ins	427	Vodafone	1,600
Cable Wire	1,300	LASMO	7,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,400	Wellcome	1,900
Cadbury	2,000	Ladbroke	1,200	Sainsbury	1,000	Whitbd 'A'	599
Carlton C	463	Land Secs	585	Scot Hydro	310	Wlms Hld	2,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3298.68 (-3.51)
S&P Composite .... 432.70 (+0.80)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17010.03 (+27.89)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6170.09 (-16.85)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 99.7 (+0.7)

Sydney: AO .... 1594.7 (-12.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1677.39 (+5.13)

FT 30 share: .... 2200.8 (+3.6)

Brussels:
General .... 5953.59 (-6.51)

Paris: CAC .... 509.66 (+3.95)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 474.6 (-1.5)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1387.47 (+1.88)
FT 500 .... 1525.30 (+2.34)
FT Gold Mines .... 93.5 (same)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.06 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.32 (+0.19)
Bargains 26901
SEAQ Volume 533.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 131.44 (+0.67)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 8	February 19	May 20	June 1

Call options were taken out on 19/2/93 ADT, Alphameric, ASDA, Babcock, Burton, Cupid, Celestion, Enterprise Comp, Ferranti, Hanson Wts, Hartstone, Ransomes pref, Tadpole, Tesco.
Put & Call: Pentos.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 56358	Mar 93	2836.0	2847.0	2827.0	2843.0	10327
	Jun 93	2850.0	2850.0	2845.0	2856.5	13
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 298942	Mar 93	93.93	94.08	93.92	94.01	24436
	Jun 93	94.50	94.63	94.50	94.58	16038
	Sep 93	94.69	94.78	94.69	94.73	4990
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 21010	Mar 93	96.75	96.78	96.75	96.77	447
	Jun 93	96.63	96.63	96.61	96.62	484
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 459362	Mar 93	91.90	92.00	91.84	91.96	35220
	Jun 93	92.90	93.00	92.85	92.97	48128
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 520	Mar 93	109-14	109-17	109-09	109-14	271
	Jun 93				108-05	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 67878	Mar 93	102-27	103-18	102-26	103-14	25408
	Jun 93	104-31	105-04	104-19	105-02	2120
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	111.02	111.02	110.93	110.92	115
	Jun 93	110.22	110.33	110.22	110.23	1340
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 147772	Mar 93	93.91	94.43	93.86	94.38	70148
	Jun 93	94.17	94.70	94.14	94.68	9755
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 16727	Mar 93	90.60	90.71	90.58	90.69	478
	Jun 93	91.58	91.72	91.58	91.70	411
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 47833	Mar 93	94.58	94.67	94.54	94.65	5173
	Jun 93	95.18	95.31	95.14	95.29	4503
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 41142	Mar 93	95.74	96.60	95.56	96.10	20294
	Jun 93	95.46	96.40	95.46	95.92	65

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 77.4 (day's range 77.0-77.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6604-2.6714	2.6666-2.6714	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	48.58-48.88	48.78-48.88	18-14pr	28-41ds
Copenhagen	9.0700-9.1230	9.1020-9.1230	8-11½ds	25¼-30⅞ds
Dublin	0.9750-0.9780	0.9751-0.9779	54-74pr	188-213ds
Frankfurt	2.3631-2.3811	2.3751-2.3782	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	215.50-217.52	216.76-217.52	105-136ds	371-404ds
Madrid	169.41-172.06	171.20-172.06	103-133ds	313-349ds
Milan	2253.60-2279.30	2273.30-2279.30	8-10ds	29-31ds
Montreal	1.8191-1.8280	1.8249-1.8269	0.10-0.04pr	0.18-0.03pr
New York	1.4455-1.4550	1.4540-1.4550	0.36-0.34pr	1.07-1.05pr
Oslo	10.0530-10.1130	10.0900-10.1130	1⅞-3ds	5⅞-7⅞ds
Paris	7.9950-8.0900	8.0760-8.0900	3⅛-3⅞ds	10⅞-11⅞ds
Stockholm	10.9850-11.0370	11.0410-11.0370	1½-3⅞ds	6⅛-8⅞ds
Tokyo	172.56-173.23	173.02-173.22	⅛-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.59-16.72	16.67-16.72	1⅞-2⅛ds	5⅜-7⅞ds
Zurich	2.1779-2.1898	2.1868-2.1898	¼pr-par	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4550-1.4575
Australia dollar	2.1187-2.1918
Bahrain dinar	0.541-0.553
Brazil cruzeiro*	27853.1-27874.7
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland marka	8.4495-8.5655
Greece drachma	315.5-322.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.280-11.290
India rupee	43.19-44.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	3.8327-3.8369
Mexico peso	4.45-4.55
New Zealand dollar	2.8213-2.8298
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3795-5.5055
Singapore dollar	2.3971-2.4003
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5615-6.6412
S Africa rand (com)	4.5585-4.5646
U A E dirham	5.268-5.392

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4522-1.4532
Austria	11.47-11.49
Belgium (Com)	33.55-33.59
Canada	1.2564-1.2569
Denmark	6.26-6.27
France	5.520-5.525
Germany	1.6305-1.6315
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.488-1.491
Italy	1551.0-1553.0
Japan	119.00-119.05
Malaysia	2.627-2.628
Netherlands	1.834-1.836
Norway	6.94-6.95
Portugal	149.1-149.5
Singapore	1.643-1.644
Spain	116.6-117.1
Sweden	7.575-7.585
Switzerland	1.502-1.503

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 3 Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5$^{11}/_{16}$; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$	6⅛-6⅛	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$
	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{11}/_{16}$
Overnight: open 5⅞, close 2½.					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.01	n/a	3.09-3.04	3.20-3.15	3.42-3.37
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{11}/_{16}$

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £354m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.65% received: 66%; Last week: £98.65% received: 5%; Avge rate: £5.4134% last wk £5.3316%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8⅛	7⅞-7⅞	9⅛-9⅛
French Franc:	11⅞-11⅛	11⅞-11⅛	11⅞-11⅛	11-10⅛	12⅞-10⅛
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $330.70-331.10 Close: $330.05-330.55 High: $331.05-331.55 Low: $329.55-330.05 Krugerrand: $329.00-331.00 (£226.00-228.00)
Sovereigns: Old $79.00-81.00 (£52.50-54.50) New $79.00-81.00 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $359.25 (£246.80) Silver: $3.63 (£2.495) Palladium: $109.00 (£74.90)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	67	77	84	5	17	22
(*607½)	600	29	42	52	18	38	45
ASDA	57	10½	13	15	3	5½	6½
(*64½)	67	5	9	10½	7½	10	12
Bass	550	59	74	87	6	16	23
(*603)	600	25	43	56	24	38	45
Boots	460	51	58	67	5	15	20
(*500½)	500	23	33	45	17	32	37
Br Airways	280	19	26	31	12	23	27
(*288)	300	9½	18	23	22	35	38
BP	240	28	35	38	4	9	12
(*264½)	260	13	23	27	10	17	21
	280	6	14	19	23	29	32
Br Steel	70	9½	14	16	4	7	9
(*75½)	80	4	9	11½	9	12½	15
C & W	700	55	72	85	11	26	34
(*739)	750	25	43	59	32	50	57
CU	580	20	37	45	26	37	48
(*586)	629	5	18	26	64	70	79
Courtauld	550	36	49	59	14	29	37
(*568½)	600	13	26	37	43	58	65
GKN	460	29	39	48	15	24	30
(*480)	500	8½	22	31	41	48	51
Grnd Met	420	42	56	63	6½	16	23
(*450½)	460	17	33	43	23	36	42
ICI	1100	47	77	90	50	69	92
(*1116½)	1150	25	58	69	80	98	123
	1200	13	35	53	122	133	155
Kingfishr	550	36	52	59	14	30	37
(*575½)	600	13	27	34	40	57	65
Ladbroke	180	24	29	36	7½	15	22
(*197)	200	12	20	26	19	27	33
Land Sec	460	27	33	39	9	20	28
(*474)	500	7	14	21	32	52	54
M & S	330	17	24	32	9	19	22
(*336½)	360	5½	12	19	28	38	40
Sainsbury	500	34	45	55	9	23	27
(*523½)	550	9	21	30	38	50	55
Shell	550	33	46	53	10	18	26
(*579)	600	8	21	26	41	46	52
Smkl Bch	420	32	47	55	11½	22	28
(*432)	460	12	28	37	34	45	50
Storehse	180	19	28	32	7	15	17
(*189½)	200	8	17	25	17	25	28
Trafalgar	70	10	14	18	3	5	6½
(*77½)	80	6	9½	11½	7	12	15
Unilever	1150	32	56	77	39	55	63
(*1145½)	1200	13	34	54	75	88	95
Utd Bisc	330	28	34	40	8½	15	19
(*354)	360	10	17	24	26	32	36

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	40	60	71	1	14	27
(*789)	800	4	31	43	17	37	50
BAT Ind	950	23	44	62	6½	43	52
(*962½)	1000	3	23	42	39	75	82
BTR	550	10	22	33	4	24	29
(*555½)	600	1	6½	14	49	60	63
Br Aero	240	24	40	50	3	20	28
(*261)	260	10	28	41	7	30	38
Br Telcm	390	13	27	33	2	9	17
(*400½)	420	1	11	17	19	24	34
Cadbury	460	9	21	31	5½	24	30
(*462½)	500	2	8	16	39	53	56
Guinness	460	12	27	37	3½	24	29
(*466½)	500	1	11	21	35	49	54
GEC	280	19	25	30	1	6	12
(*297)	300	3	13	19	5	13	21
Hanson	240	9½	16	18½	1	8	13
(*247)	260	1½	7	11	13	19	24
LASMO	160	22	28	34	1½	8	14
(*179½)	180	5½	17	24	5	18	23
Lucas	140	8	16	22	4	13	17
(*145½)	160	1	9	13	17	25	30
P & O	550	14	37	47	5½	40	50
(*557½)	600	1	17	28	45	74	82
Pilkingtn	110	7	16	20	3	10	14
(*115½)	120	2½	12	16	8	15	20
Prudential	300	16	23	28	2	12	18
(*311½)	330	1½	9	15	18	30	34
RTZ	600	50	57	70	2	17	27
(*646)	650	10	28	43	11	43	50
Scot New	420	15	32	42	2½	13	26
(*432)	460	1	13	22	31	36	50
Tesco	240	5	16	21	6	16	19
(*242)	260	1	7½	14	22	30	33
Thames W	500	14	30	36	3	15	27
(*511½)	550	1	10	15	42	46	60
Vodafone	360	38	47	56	1½	9	16
(*394½)	390	9	29	37	5	20	28

FT-SE INDEX (*2838)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	140	90	40	½	½	½
Mar	144	112	68	41	21	11
Apr	169	130	93	63	42	29
May	185	149	117	89	68	48
Jun	198	—	132	—	82	—
Puts						
Feb	½	½	½	11	61	111
Mar	12	20	35	56	89	132
Apr	24	35	55	77	108	144
May	38	51	66	92	121	154
Jun	47	—	85	—	132	—

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	22	30	38	11	18	25
(*376)	390	6½	16	24	28	35	41
Amstrad	20	5½	7	7½	1	1½	2
(*24½)	25	2	4	5	3	3½	5
Barclays	420	27	38	47	14	27	38
(*440)	460	8	20	29	45	51	62
Blue Circ	220	19	25	35	8	22	27
(*233½)	240	11	18	26	18	32	38
Br Gas	280	13½	18	22	5½	13½	17
(*287½)	300	4½	8½	14	17	27	29
	330	1	2½	6	45	52	53
Dixons	220	15	24	29	10	16	23
(*226)	240	6	16	20	22	27	34
Eurotnl	460	34	56	72	18	38	45
(*480)	500	15	35	53	40	55	65
Forte	180	19	25	28	4½	13	18
(*195)	200	9	15	19	12	24	29
Glaxo	650	34	61	80	23	42	52
(*666)	700	14	37	57	56	70	80
	750	5	23	41	98	108	117
HSBC	550	45	58	74	11	30	39
(*581)	600	17	33	50	33	56	65
Hillsdwn	140	18	22	24	3½	10	14
(*154½)	160	6	11	15	12	22	26
Lonrho	80	12	17	21	2½	7	10
(*89½)	90	6½	12	16	6½	11	15
Reuter	1300	49	90	120	43	74	94
(*1311½)	1350	25	65	95	78	105	120
R-Royce	120	11	14½	18	5	10½	13
(*125)	130	5½	9½	13½	10	15½	18½
Sears	100	6	9	13	3½	8	11
(*102½)	110	2½	4½	8½	12	16	17
Thrn Emi	850	26	49	63	21	34	55
(*850½)	900	7½	26	40	56	64	84
TSB	160	15	21	25	5	9	14
(*168)	180	6	12	16	16	20	25
Vaal Reefs	35	7½	9	8	1½	3	4½
(*$40)	40	2½	5½	6	3½	5	7
Wellcome	900	42	75	100	24	49	64
(*922)	950	21	50	76	53	75	90
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	220	32	42	50	9	21	27
(*237½)	240	21	32	40	19	30	38
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastn Elc	430	21	-	-	2	-	-
(*449)	460	3	19	27	16	26	40
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	300	21	32	36	5	11½	18
(*315½)	330	6	16	20	19	25	33
Scot Pwr	220	16	23	28	2	6	13
(*234½)	240	4½	13	18	10	15	24

February 19, 1993 Tot: 23662 Call: 12882 Put: 10780 FT-SE Call: 4280 Put: 5536
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures edged higher in late trade after key support held firm and finished with gains in quiet conditions. Robusta coffee futures closed with small gains as the market continued to consolidate after its recent volatile spell. White sugar futures were easier at late afternoon as the market ran into some pre-weekend profit-taking after advancing earlier in the week.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	721-720	May	808-804
May	730-729	Jul	819-816
Jul	741-740	Sep	838-830
Sep	754-752	Dec	862-856
Dec	772-770		
Mar	793-791	Volume:	4093

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	952-950	Nov	943-938
May	953-952	Jan	955-940
Jul	925-920	Mar	970-960
Sep	933-930	Volume:	2032

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	204.0-02.0
Spot: n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	199.0-97.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	212.0-10.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	212.0-10.0	Volume:	159

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	250.0-48.5
Spot: 268.0		Mar	253.0-48.5
May	264.5-64.0	May	253.0-48.5
Aug	266.0-65.0	Aug	257.5-50.5
Oct	251.0-50.5	Volume:	221

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.09	109.51	136.73
(+/-)	+0.81	+4.63	+3.99
Eng/Wales:	82.09	108.79	126.50
(+/-)	+0.81	-4.26	+3.62
(%)	-6.2	-1.5	-25.6
Scotland:	n/a	112.38	127.46
(+/-)	n/a	-6.73	+5.29
(%)	n/a	-44.2	+1.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	106.0	106.0	Aug	101.5	101.5
Jul	102.0	102.0		Volume:	3

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	142.60
May	144.20
Jun	145.20
Sep	110.00
Nov	111.65
Volume:	239

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	139.00
May	140.15
Sep	107.65
Nov	110.75
Jan	113.85
Volume:	131

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	153.80
Jun	144.50
Aug	145.00
Oct	149.00
Dec	unq
Volume:	75

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	42.0	41.7
May	44.0	44.2
Apr	88.5	88.8
	Volume:	57

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Mar 68.25-67.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With some of the critical Opec members advising their customers of cuts in nominations, crude levels leapt higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.20	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.15	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.15	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.60	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	19.80	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (+1)	194 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	168 (+1)	169 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	170 (+3)	171 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	170 (-3)	171 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	69 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (+1)	172 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	167.25-67.50	Jun	168.25-68.50
Apr	167.75-68.00	Jul	169.75-70.00
May	167.50-68.00	Aug	171.25-71.75
		Vol:	10298

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.17-18.18	Jul	18.40-18.43
May	18.25 BID	Aug	18.39-18.48
Jun	18.34-18.35	Vol:	19827

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	186.25-87.00	Jun	194.50-96.00
Apr	191.00-92.00	Jul	unq
May	191.00 BID	Vol:	393

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1380	1380	1382
Mar 93	1395	1380	1395
Apr 93	1395	1370	1389
Jul 93	1214	1199	1210

Vol: 329 lots. Open int'st: 2764 Index 1369 -7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1532.0-1532.5	1555.5-1556.0	313425
Lead (£/tonne)	286.00-286.25	296.00-296.25	42600
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1058.5-1059.0	1078.0-1079.0	187450
Tin ($/tonne)	5795.0-5800.0	5855.0-5857.0	8565
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1207.0-1207.5	1229.0-1229.5	534000
Nickel ($/tonne)	6190.0-6192.0	6250.0-6255.0	33312

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Maradona returns for a walk on the wild side



DAVID MILLER
In Buenos Aires

The celebration of Argentina's football centenary was all that you would ask and, predictably, a little that you would not. Diego Maradona attempted to steal the show on his return for his eightieth cap but was outshone by his Seville colleague, Simeone, as the South American rivals clawed each other like tigers.

So many of the pearls of 60 years of the World Cup, as well as the occasional villain, have come from Argentina and Brazil, five times winners between them. Here they showed, once again, the degree to which their dazzling technique separates them from all but a handful of European players; even if that does not always make them the winning team. This was a cascade of full-blooded attacking football that either could have won by two goals but which ended 1-1.

The spontaneity of the play, with most players able to beat an opponent with the ball, took memory back to the glorious Fifties, when football was dominated by individuals more than by managers and tactics, and was constantly the joy it was at the River Plate stadium, with not a spare seat among 75,000, on Thursday night.

Ruggeri, the Argentina sweeper, and Valdo were sent off with a quarter of an hour to go, tussling in Brazil's defensive wall no more than six yards from a free kick. But I would blame the Uruguayan referee for initially failing to impose the ten-yard law on Brazil, and Fifa, the world governing body, for continuing with a law that is seldom imposed.

Argentina have the Indian sign on Brazil. In extending their unbeaten run under Alfio Basile to 22 matches since losing the 1990 World Cup final, they stretched to 17 years the interval since Brazil's last victory over them. This was the third draw in Basile's two years, with a 3-2 victory on the way to the 1991 South American championship. For an hour, sharp as razors and as enterprising here as they were negative in Rome two years ago, they looked set to win again.

The charm of Brazil is that they want to play with the ball as much as with each other. They attempted this too often in the first half, losing possession in midfield when flowing forward and being hammered on the counter-attack as Simeone, Mancuso and Maradona sent Caniggia and Batistuta bearing down on goal.

If Carlos Parreira, the Brazil manager, had room for satisfaction, it lay in the steadiness, often under intense pressure, of his conventional flat back four. Silva, seemingly indestructible, looked one of the best tacklers Brazil have had in years.

The disappointment for Brazil was Rai, the tall younger brother of Socrates, who graced two World Cups in the Eighties. Basile, playing with five in midfield in front of Ruggeri, and markers Vázquez and Altamirano, gave Franco the task of subduing Rai. Recently transferred from São Paulo, the world club champions, to Paris Saint-Germain, Rai could seldom break free to support Bebeto, the sensation of the Spanish season with Coruña, or Careca.



Back in trim: Maradona, sporting a new haircut, battles with the Brazilian, Cafu, on his return to the Argentina side for his eightieth cap

The Argentine Football Association gave the crowd, in place more than an hour beforehand, no bands, no parade, no music. Just Maradona. "*Gracias*" sang the blue and white banners. The start was delayed more than ten minutes while hordes of photographers and children invaded the pitch to besiege the squat little genius, whose endless two-fisted salutes to the crowd were greeted with frenzied acclaim.

Maradona may be better than he initially was after a 15-month suspension for drugs, but mostly he played walking football, and his return in place of Rodríguez tended to slow the team. You wonder how Basile will handle this dilemma: it was still Maradona who gave the three most perfect passes of the evening, each almost precipitating a goal, while every swerving, dipping free kick he took was a nightmare for Taffarel.

Mancuso's opening goal after 16 minutes stemmed from a sequence of mistakes that surrendered possession around the halfway line by Brazil, this time by Luiz Henrique. In three touches and 35 yards, Argentina had the ball in the net. Ten minutes later, Maradona clipped the crossbar with a free kick, to which Taffarel got the merest touch, but Brazil reached half-time beginning to assert themselves.

A glorious move between Simeone and Caniggia almost put Argentina two up, Batistuta's glancing header flying just wide. Luiz Henrique equalised with a diving header after Bebeto put Cafu clear, the defender's cross to the near post being a lesson for every full back in Britain.

ARGENTINA: L Islas (Independiente); O Ruggeri (América, Mex), S Vázquez (Central), R Altamirano (River Plate), F Basualdo (River Plate), D Simeone (Seville), A Mancuso (Vélez Sarsfield), D Franco (Zaragoza; sub: G Zapata), D Maradona (Seville), C Caniggia (Rome; sub: A Acosta, Boca Juniors), G Batistuta (Fiorentina).
BRAZIL: C Taffarel (Parma), Cafu (São Paulo), Célio Silva (Internacional, Porto Alegre), Ricardo Gomez (Paris Saint-Germain), Branco (Genoa), Mauro Silva (Coruña), Luiz Henrique (Monaco), Rai (Paris Saint-Germain), Valdo (Paris Saint-Germain), Bebeto (Coruña), Careca (Napoli; sub: Muller, São Paulo).
Referee: E Filippi (Uruguay).

Chelsea minder sets out his stall

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

A WEEK ago David Webb was trying to sell a 20-ton crane and a job lot of mountain bikes. Tomorrow he will be in charge of the Chelsea team for the Premier League match with Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park.

Life changed for the man who readily admits to having been "a bit of an Arthur Daley figure" when Chelsea dismissed Ian Porterfield last Monday. Ken Bates, the club chairman, immediately ushered in Webb, a Stamford Bridge favourite as a player, and told him the job was his until at least the end of the season.

Webb, who used to deal in "a bit of gear down the King's Road" in his days as a Chelsea player, turned readily to selling mountain bikes from a lock-up in Southend when he parted company with the town's football club last summer.

Webb had steered Southend from the fourth to the second division but life at Roots Hall soured after a contract wrangle with Vic Jobson, his chairman.

Now he has a three-month contract at the club with which, as a boisterous centre half, he won an FA Cup winner's medal in 1970.

"It is just great to be involved again," he said yesterday. "I am especially looking forward to the match because Kenny Dalglish [the Blackburn manager] is a good friend of mine."

During his Southend days, Webb delighted in putting one over on Dalglish and his team put a brake on Blackburn's promotion drive last winter by beating them 3-0 at Roots Hall. He would give a lot for a similar score tomorrow to bring to an end Chelsea's winless run, which stretches back to December.

"I will not be taking a big carving knive to my new team," he said. "I will give these players a game or two while I have a good look at them. Already I can see that there is undoubted talent here. My job is to manipulate and organise the players to Chelsea's best advantage."



Webb: super-salesman

Chesham taking widest way towards Wembley

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

CHESHAM United play Sutton United in the third round of the Vauxhall FA Trophy today in no mood to do any favours to the side that did them a good turn by beating their Diadora League promotion rivals, St Albans, 3-1 on Tuesday.

Chesham, meanwhile, won 4-0 at Dulwich Hamlet, which widened the gap at the top of the league to four points. The sides drew 1-1 at Clarence Park, St Albans, last Saturday before a crowd of 3,120.

Sutton have already beaten two GM Vauxhall Conference sides, Woking and Slough Town, in the Trophy and in Dominic Feltham, who scored twice against St Albans, have a formidable asset. Feltham, who has scored 12 goals in his last 13 matches, scored 27 times in 35 games after signing from Baltimore Blast last season.

Tony Aplin, the Chesham chairman, said: "Sutton were the best side we met last season and played very attractive football. But at home we must fancy ourselves.

"We play on a very wide pitch, the biggest in British football at 80yds by 120yds — Wembley for example is 75 by 115 — and we use a 4-4-2 system with wingers that makes it very, very difficult for sides to come and defend."

PREVIEWS OF TODAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Everton
Parker, Villa's unsung midfield player, has a rib injury and is likely to be replaced by the versatile Barrett. Atkinson faces a late fitness check on his troublesome groin; Yorke stands by. Everton are without the injured Kenny and Rideout and replace the suspended Southall with the untried Kearton in goal.

Liverpool v Ipswich
John Wark returns to his former club in an Ipswich shirt. Liverpool keep the side that finished last Saturday's defeat at Southampton, so Redknapp, who came on for Marsh as a substitute, retains his place. Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said he was "not a happy boy" after that setback and another today would prompt further questions in the Anfield boardroom. Kiwomya, Ipswich's leading scorer, is doubtful, as is Johnson. Goddard and Bozinoski are poised to deputise.

Man Utd v Southampton
After international duty with France, Cantona is restored to the United attack alongside Hughes, Kanchelskis steps down and Giggs moves from right to left wing as United aim to end Southampton's winning streak. Ince will play in midfield after his baby son's recovery from illness. Hurlock is missing from that department for Southampton through suspension, while Cockerill and Groves are injured but Monkou is expected to pass a fitness test.

Middlesbro v Notts Forest
Brian Clough returns to the town of his birth and to a team with which he was a prolific goalscorer for a relegation six-pointer. Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, wants revenge for Forest's recent FA Cup win at Ayresome Park. Lawrence has recruited Kamara, on loan from Luton, in an attempt to "help us to stay up". He makes his debut in a Middlesbrough side that includes Wilkinson, once of Forest. Armstrong, 17, makes his debut for Forest at left back. Webb and Laws are replaced by Crosby and Charles.

Norwich v Man City
Sutton, the Norwich striker, has tonsillitis and a 50-50 chance of starting. Peter Reid, City's player-manager, intends to play but has flu and will travel separately. He is already without the suspended Simpson, and Curle, Phelan, Quinn and White — his four key men — require late fitness tests.

Oldham v Arsenal
Jobson, Oldham's best defender, is welcomed back after suspension as Joe Royle's side continues its fight to stave off relegation. Arsenal may be doing well in the cups but have won only one of their last 11 league games. They hope Wright will pass a late fitness test. Dixon is doubtful with a knee injury sustained on England duty and Smith, O'Leary and Parlour also require fitness checks.

QPR v Coventry
Ferdinand scored for England against San Marino on Wednesday, but he has failed to do likewise for QPR in their last six games. The London side must cope without McDonald, White, Wilkins, Penrice, Holloway and Maddix. Robson returns to the Coventry substitutes' bench after a ten-week absence with injury. Quinn, Coventry's leading scorer, intends to upstage Ferdinand.

Sheff Wed v Crystal Palace
Wednesday are undefeated in their last 13 games. With Hirst having broken down in training and facing another lengthy lay-off, Warhurst aims to add to his recent tally of seven goals in five games as a makeshift striker. King could return after five months out injured if Harkes fails a fitness test. Williams, once of Wednesday, is in the Palace party. Thomas, once of England, is not because of flu. His place may go to Southgate, just recovered from a broken foot.

Tottenham v Leeds
Tottenham have scored 12 times in their last four games. With Anderton's crosses supplying Sheringham, they must expect to increase that tally against a Leeds side continuing its quest for an elusive first away win of the season. Strachan, who celebrated his 36th birthday 11 days ago, returns to the midfield after injury at the expense of Sellars. Wetherall is also fit for a comeback but Shutt and Fairclough have been ruled out. Leeds did beat Tottenham 5-0 at Elland Road earlier in the season, when they were still optimistic of defending their title.

Wimbledon v Sheff Utd
Not one for the neutral. Dave Bassett's team visits his former Wimbledon side for a long-ball reunion with demotion overtones. Gannon, once of Wimbledon, hopes to play against his former colleagues because United have Hartfield suspended. Anyone who becomes bored can play count-the-crowd.

Tomorrow

Blackburn v Chelsea
Blackburn stick with the side that put Newcastle out of the FA Cup last Saturday. A week ago David Webb was trying to sell a 20-ton crane along with a job lot of mountain bikes; tomorrow he will manage Chelsea for the first time after succeeding Ian Porterfield, who was dismissed on Monday. Stressing he was not about to apply "a big carving knife" to the squad, Webb hopes to have Townsend and Lee fit, but must make do without the injured Wise.

☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League
Aston Villa v Everton
Liverpool v Ipswich
Manchester Utd v Southampton
Middlesbrough v Notts Forest
Norwich v Manchester City
Oldham v Arsenal
QPR v Coventry
Sheffield Wednesday v Crystal Palace
Tottenham v Leeds
Wimbledon v Sheffield Utd

Barclays League

First division
Bristol Rovers v Tranmere
Cambridge Utd v Swindon
Derby v Watford
Grimsby v Birmingham
Luton v Charlton
Millwall v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Leicester
Sunderland v Bristol City
Wolverhampton v Oxford Utd

Second division
Blackpool v Bolton (all ticket)
Bournemouth v Mansfield
Brighton v Exeter
Chester v Hartlepool
Fulham v Wigan
Huddersfield v Leyton Orient
Plymouth v Burnley
Reading v Preston
Rotherham v Port Vale
Stockport v West Bromwich (all ticket)
Stoke v Bradford
Swansea v Hull

Third division
Barnet v Doncaster
Bury v Carlisle
Darlington v Chesterfield
Halifax v Crewe
Lincoln v Hereford
Scarborough v Rochdale
Shrewsbury v Colchester
Torquay v York
Walsall v Scunthorpe
Wrexham v Gillingham

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Dagenham and Redbridge
Kettering v Bath
Kidderminster v Yeovil
Slough v Northwich
Woking v Macclesfield

Scottish League

Premier division
Airdrie v Hearts
Celtic v Partick
Dundee Utd v Rangers
Falkirk v Motherwell
Hibernian v Dundee
St Johnstone v Aberdeen

First division
Clydebank v Hamilton
Dunfermline v Dumbarton
Kilmarnock v Cowdenbeath
Meadowbank v Raith
St Mirren v Ayr
Stirling v Morton

Second division
Alloa v Albion
Arbroath v Brechin
Berwick v Queen of South
Clyde v Queen's Park
Forfar v East Fife
Montrose v Stenhousemuir
Stranraer v East Stirling

Vauxhall FA Trophy

Third round
Chesham v Sutton Utd
Grays v Gateshead
Merthyr v Warrington (12.0)
Northallerton v Famborough
Runcorn v Winsford
Telford v Boston
Witton v Marine
Wycombe v Bromsgrove

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Wokingham; Dulwich v Basingstoke; Harrow v Stevenage Borough; Kingstonian v St Albans; Marlow v Hendon; Staines v Hayes; Wivenhoe v Bromley; Yeading v Carshalton. First division: Abingdon Town v Whyteleafe; Barking v Hitchin; Croydon v Aveley; Heybridge Swifts v Boreham Wood; Lewes v Uxbridge; Leyton v Chalfont St Peter; Maidenhead v Bishop's Stortford; Molesey v Dorking; Purfleet v Billericay; Walton and Hersham v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division: Banstead Athletic v Chertsey; Berkhamsted v Newbury; Hampton v Southall; Harefield v Barton; Hemel Hempstead v Malden Vale; Hungerford v Ware; Leatherhead v Egham; Ruislip Manor v Tilbury; Saffron Walden v Edgware; Witham v Rainham. Third division: Aldershot Town v Hertford; Collier Row v Horsham; East Thurrock v Royston; Epsom and Ewell v Bracknell; Feltham and Hounslow v Camberley; Flackwell Heath v Tring; Hornchurch v Cove; Kingsbury v Leighton; Northwood v Thame; Petersfield v Clapton.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Bishop Auckland; Colwyn Bay v Matlock; Droylsden v Accrington Stanley; Fleetwood v Emley; Frickley v Hyde; Goole v Barrow; Morecambe v Chorley; Southport v Leek; Whitley Bay v Mossley. First division: Alfreton v Bridlington Town; Ashton United v Gateshay; Curzon Ashton v Knowsley; Farsley Celtic v Lancaster City; Eastwood Town v Caernarfon Town; Great Harwood v Shepshed Albion; Harrogate v Radcliffe Borough; Nelnesfield v Congleton; Workington v Worksop.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Hednesford; Chelmsford v Rhyestone; Cheltenham v Burton; Dover v Corby; Gloucester v Crawley; Halesowen v Dorchester; Solihull v Cambridge City; VS Rugby v Hastings; Waterlooville v Moor Green; Weymouth v Worcester. Midland division: Bard v Tamworth; Ellston v Yate; Grantham v Forest Green; Gresley v Bedworth; Hinckley v Evesham; Leicester United v Sutton Coldfield; Nuneaton Borough v Newport AFC; RC Warwick v Dudley; Rothdean v King's Lynn; Rushden and Diamonds v Weston-super-Mare; Stourbridge v Bridgnorth. Southern division: Andover v Witney; Ashford v Dunstable; Braintree v Salisbury; Buckingham v Fisher Athletic; Bury Town v Burnham; Fareham v Canterbury City; Gravesend and Northfleet v Hevant; Poole v Margate; Stringbourne v Newport IOW; Sudbury v Erith and Belvedere; Wealdstone v Baldock.

BASS IRISH CUP: Sixth round: Bangor v Armagh City; Branbwood v Glentoran; Cliftonville v Ballymena; Coagh United v Lame; Distillery v Ballydehr; Drumaness Mills v Ards; Dundela v Limavady United; Linfield v Omagh Town.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergavenny v Aberystwyth; Caersws v Connah's Quay; Ebbw Vale v Haverfordwest; Holywell v Flint Town; Llanelli v Maesteg Park; Llanidloes v Mold; Newtown v Porthmadog.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Blaenrhondda v Caldicot; Brecon v Monkton; Bridgend v Ammanford; Caerleon v Ton Pentre; Ferndale v Cardiff Civil Service; Port Talbot v Pembroke.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Old Hamptonians v Old Aloysians; NatWest Bank v Winchmore Hill; Cardinal Manning Old Boys v Old Meadonians; Norsemen v Crouch End Vampires.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Nantwich Town; Bamber Bridge v Bacup Borough; Blackpool Mechanics v Flixton; Bradford Park Avenue v Shelmersdale; Burscough v Maine Road; Chadderton v Darwen; Clitheroe v Kidsgrove Athletic; Eastwood Hanley v Prescot; Glossop North End v St Helens; Penrith v Blackpool Rovers; Salford v Newcastle Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Sideford v Bristol Manor Farm; Chard v Paulton; Chippenham v Torrington; Clevedon v Taunton; Dawlish v Plymouth Argyle; Elmore v Saltash United; Frome v Tiverton; Mangotsfield United v Liskeard Athletic; Minehead v Torquay United; Westbury v Exmouth.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Ossett Town; Ashfield v Harrogate Ra; Denaby v Pontefract Col; Eccleshill v Pickering; Glasshoughton Wel v Brigg; North Ferriby v Winterton Rangers; Ossett Albion v Liversedge; Stocksbridge PS v Spennymoor; Thackley v Belper; Sheffield v Maltby MW.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v South Bank; Brandon Utd v Seaham Red Star; Chester Le Street v Consett; Easington Colliery v Durham City; Ferryhill Athletic v Stockton; Hebburn v Guisborough; Newcastle Blue Star v Billingham Synthonia; Peterlee Newtown v Murton; Tow Law v Whitby.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Charlton; Gillingham v Southend; Ipswich v Fulham; Leyton Orient v Chelsea; Millwall v Cambridge United; Portsmouth v Norwich; QPR v Watford; Tottenham v West Ham. Second division: Brighton v Oxford United; Bristol Rovers v Brentford; Colchester v Tottenham; Crystal Palace v Swindon; Luton v Wimbledon; Reading v Bournemouth; Southampton v Bristol City.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Parkonians v Civil Service; Old Bromleians v West Wickham; Old Actonians v South Bank Poly; Old Esthamelans v Midland Bank; Alexandra Park v Broomfield; Old Stationers v Lloyds Bank; Polytechnic v Barclays Bank; Kew Association v Old Salesians; Ibis v Lensbury; Old Westminster Cits v Brantham; Bank of England v Cuaco; Old Latymerians v Alleyn Old Boys; Reigate Priory v Old Pennthalens; Old Lyonians v Merton; East Barnet OG v Royal Bank Scotland.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Tiffinians; Tanisonians v Enfield.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians v Old Canhusians; Old Chalmeleians v Old Reptonians; Old Etonians v Lancing Old Boys. First division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Wilsians; Old Haileyburians v Old Ardinians; Old Harrovians v Old Foresters; Old Westminsters v Old Brentwoods; Old Wykehamists v Old Salopians.

RUGBY UNION

International matches
Ireland v France (at Lansdowne Road, 2.45)
Scotland v Wales (at Murrayfield, 2.30)

ADT County Championship
Semi-finals
Cornwall v Yorkshire (at Redruth, 2.15)
Lancashire v Middlesex (at Orrell, 2.30)

Club matches
3.0 unless stated
Abertillery v London Welsh (12.0)
Blackheath v Askeans (12.0)
Broughton Park v Walsall (2.15)
Cambridge University v Vale of Lune
Harlequins v Leeds
Harrogate v Morley (2.15)
London Irish v Richmond (12.0)
London Scottish v Rugby (2.30)
Met Police v Cheltenham (2.30)
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Northampton v Coventry
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Nuneaton v Leicester
Otley v Hartlepool (2.30)
Plymouth v Camborne (2.30)
Saracens v Moseley
Wasps v Sale
Waterloo v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15)
West Hartlepool v Bedford

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Fullers Herts Merit Table: Tabard v Hemel Hemstead; Stevenage v Old Asmoleans. Fullers Middlesex Merit Table: Kingsburians v Harrow; Twickenham v Lansbury; Finchley v Mill Hill; Staines v Old Meadonians. Seven Counties Merit Table: Sidcup v US Portsmouth; Southend v Upper Clapton; Sutton and Epsom v Maidstone. CLOS Merit Table: Old Alleynian v Old Cranleighans; Old Dunstonian v KCS Old Boys; Old Wimbledonian v Old Guildfordians; Old Wellcountians v John Fisher Old Boys. Bisley Southern Merit Table: Guildford v Salisbury; Henley v Bournemouth; Marlow v Reading.

NORTH: Yorkshire Shield: Quarter-final: Bradford Salem v Wath. Semi-final: Yarnbury v Cleckheaton.

MIDLANDS: Leicestershire Cup: Quarter-finals: Aylestonians v Westleigh; Birstall v South Leicester; Loughborough Students v Melton; Stoneygate v Syston. North Midlands Cup: Semi-finals: Camp Hill v Hereford; Stourbridge v Birmingham and Solihull. Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire Cup: Third round: Ashbourne v Market Rasen; Chesterfield v Bakewell; Derby v Mosborne; Grimsby v Glossop; Mansfield v Newark; Matlock v Amber Valley; Scunthorpe v Spalding; West Bridgford v Pavlors. Staffordshire Cup: Semi-finals: Burton v Stoke on Trent; Wolverhampton v Walsall. Warwickshire Minchells and Butlers Cup: Third round: Broadstreet v Southam; Leamington v Old Laurentians; Trinity Guild v Shiffians ; Nuneaton Old Edwardians v Kenssley; Old Leamingtonians v Warwick University; Barkers' Butts v Manor Park; Newbold on Avon v Old Wheatleyans; Bedworth v Sutton Coldfield.

RUGBY LEAGUE
3.0 unless stated
Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Hull v St Helens (3.15)
Wakefield v Widnes (3.30)
Warrington v Castleford
Wigan v Halifax

Second division
Huddersfield v Rochdale (3.30)
London Crusaders v Bramley
Oldham v Carlisle
Swinton v Featherstone

Third division
Batley v Whitehaven (3.15)
Highfield v Doncaster
Keighley v Chorley (3.15)
Nottingham City v Hunslet
Ryedale York v Blackpool (3.15)
Workington v Dewsbury

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v Canterbury (Birmingham University, 2.30); Cannock v Trojans (Morris Ground, 2.30); East Grinstead v Firebrands (Saint Hill, 2.15); Havant v Surbiton (Havant College, 2.15); Hounslow v Bromley (Feltham School, 2.0). Old Loughtonians v Stourport (Chigwell, 2.30); Southgate v Teddington (Broomfield School, 2.0); Welton v Neston (Orchard Park, Hull, 2.0). Postponed: St Albans v Slough. Second division: Brean v Beeston (King Alfred SC, 12.0); Brooklands v Chelmsford (The Pavilion, Sale, 2.0). Cambridge City v Doncaster (Hinchingbrook School, Huntingdon, 2.15); Cheltenham v Reading (Bournside School, 2.0); Guildford v Isca (Kings Manor School, 12.0); Harborne v Barford Tigers (Birmingham University 12.30); Indian Gymkhana v Richmond (Feltham School, 12.0); Lyons v Whitfield School (Brent Cross, 2.30); Old Kingstonians v Warrington (Lensbury Ground, Teddington, 2.0).

BASKETBALL
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester Riders v London Towers (6.0); Sunderland Saints v Birmingham Bullets (6.0); Worthing Bears v Oldham Celtics (6.0). Second division: Brixton Topcats v Solent Stars (4.0); Cardiff v Bury Lobos (4.0); Crystal Palace v Middlesboro Mohawks (2.0); Doncaster Panthers v Lewisham Lightning (6.0). Women: First division: Ipswich v Chesham(4.0); London Jets v Sheffield Hatters (4.0); Nottingham Wildcats v Northampton (3.30); Rhondda v Thames Valley (3.0). Second division: Brixton Lady Topcats v Sunderland (2.0); Cardiff v Camberley Golden Eagle (2.0); Doncaster Free Press v Houghton Regs Raiders (2.30).

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Semi-finals: Women: Woolwich Brixton v Ashcombe Dorking (1.30); Britannia Music Hackney v Sale (2.0).

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).

GYMNASTICS: Men's national team championships (Liverpool).

SQUASH: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardiff)

Oxford v Hendon; Morris Motors v Aylesbury; Mill Hill v Hayes. NPL v HCC; Southgate Adel v Harrow; Sunbury v Old Merchant Taylors'; Windsor v Marlow.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alderley Edge v Sheffield; Durham University v Rightown-Northern; Formby v Ben Rhydding; Timperley v Norton; York v Wakefield.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampstead and Westminster v Southgate; Old Kingstonians v Richmond; Old Loughtons v Bromley; St Albans v Reading; Wimbledon v Surbiton.

ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth v Worcester Norton, Edgbaston v Belper; Hampton in Arden v Derby; Khalsa v Coventry and North Warwick; Olton and West Warwick v Leicester Westleigh.

NORWICH UNION EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Stevenage; Cambridge University v Redbridge and Ilford. Colchester v Broxbourne, Crostyx v Blueharts; Ipswich v Westcliff; Luton v Ford; Pelicans v Bury St Edmunds, Peterborough v Wisbech; West Herts v Dereham.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: East Devon v Taunton; Exeter University v Yeovil, Gloucester v Weston-super-Mare, Hereford v Marlborough; Plymouth v Bristol; West Gloucester v Bath Buccs; Westbury Banks v Clevedon.

BASKETBALL
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Worthing Bears (7.30); Cheshire Jets v Leicester Riders (8.0); Derby Bucks v Hemel Hempstead Royals (7.30: Guildford Kings v Sunderland Saints (8.0); London Towers v Oldham Celtics (7.30); Manchester Giants v Thames Valley Tigers (7.30) Second division: Barnsley Generals v Plymouth Raiders (8.0); Crystal Palace v Doncaster Panthers (7.30), Ware Rebels v Coventry Flyers (8.0). Third division: Chiltern Fastbreak v Mid Sussex Magic (7.30); Guildford v Liverpool Alac (6.0); Stevenage Phoenix v South London Elephants(7.30); Swindon Sonics v Sedgefield Racers (7.30) Women: First division: Cheshire v Leicester Ladies (6.0); London YMCA v London Jets (8.0).

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Semi-finals: Men: Wessex v Mizuno Lewisham (6.30); KLEA Leeds v Reebok Liverpool City (6.30).

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff Devils v Bracknell Bees; Humberside v Murrayfield Racers; Nottingham Panthers v Fife Flyers. First division: Basingstoke v Telford; Medway Bears v Lee Valley Lions; Slough Jets v Romford Raiders; Swindon v Sheffield Steelers.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: TSB International (NIA, Birmingham); English women's national cross-country championships (Luton).

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).

BOXING: WBO super-middleweight title Chris Eubank (Brighton) v Lindell Holmes (US) (Olympia).

GYMNASTICS: Men's national team championships (Liverpool).

SQUASH: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardiff)

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Saturday portrait: Kapil Dev, by John Woodcock

India's noble warrior makes irresistible advance on summit

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



An epic climb has been going on for some time in the cricket world, an attempt on one of the great summits of sport. It involves the Indian all-rounder, Kapil Dev, and his ambition, before the years overtake him, to beat Sir Richard Hadlee's wonderful record of 431 Test wickets.

In the second Test match in Madras last weekend, while making merry against England's toiling attack, Kapil scored his 5,000th Test run. Yesterday, in Bombay, he took his 417th Test wicket. From all accounts, his spell of seven overs at the start of England's second innings in Madras was much the best piece of quicker bowling in the match.

From this it might seem that only some sudden and serious injury can stop Kapil from reaching the goal he has set himself. The other possible snag is the amount of Test cricket India are likely to play in the reasonably near future. They have Zimbabwe coming for one Test next month and are scheduled to tour Sri Lanka and Pakistan later this year: but India and Pakistan must have about as much chance of playing cricket against each other in the present political climate as the Serbs and Bosnians have of enjoying a friendly game of football.

It is no help to Kapil, either, that India have remembered at last that their best way of winning Test matches is, and always has been, through spin. Happily, though, Kapil's form remains good, and he is thinking in terms of taking 500 Test wickets, not 432.

He was, by three years, the youngest of the quartet of great all-rounders who so embellished the 1980s. Of the others, Hadlee and Imran Khan, now both past 40, are in honourable retirement, and Ian Botham, who is 37, has accepted, I fancy, that even his Test days are done. Kapil, 34 last month, has become the father figure of the Indian side.

It would be wrong to see him as a typical Indian cricketer. He is anything but. Coming from the Punjab, he is taller and stronger than the average Indian. He is a Jath, a sect to which the Indian army looks for recruits. This influenced Kapil's development as a cricketer in two crucial ways. It bestowed on him the build of a fast bowler, and gave him the height and power to drive a cricket ball as lustily as anyone ever did. He bats not so much like an Indian — all eye and magic — as like Keith Miller or Botham, all pomp and derring-do.

Nobody who was at Lord's for the first Test match of 1990 will forget the manner in which Kapil saved India from following on, though not from defeat. When he was joined by Hirwani, the last man in and no sort of a batsman, 24 runs were needed to make

> Kapil knows, as our fast bowlers seem to have forgotten, it is where you bowl that matters, not how fast

England bat again. After Hirwani had blocked his first ball, the last of an over from Angus Fraser, and before he was bowled by his second, the first of Fraser's next over, Kapil drove four successive balls from Hemmings straight for six, strokes of unimaginable disdain.

In the corresponding Test match eight years earlier, Kapil had scored 89 in 55 balls with hitting of extraordinary violence, whereupon, after being last out with less than an hour of the fourth day left, he took three England wickets for eight runs in four overs. Last month in Port Elizabeth his eighth Test hundred (129 in 277 balls) enabled India to recover from 31 for six to 197 for nine and was described as electrifying.

Kapil is the most explosive batsman India have ever had. It was C. B. Fry's opinion that Indians make the most natural batsmen of all. Sunil Gavaskar, the Pataudis, Ranji and his nephew Duleep, the prolific Vijay Merchant, the elegant Rusi Modi, the intrepid Gundappa Viswanath and countless others bear him out. But they have invariably done so with a gentle, wristy touch, and not savagely in the way that Kapil does. That Kapil has performed such wonders as often as not in a struggling cause, and in an age when the game as it is generally played does few favours to the Indians' innate qualities, enhances his record.

Of his 123 Test matches, 58 have been in India, mostly on pitches that have had little to offer bowlers of his type. Of his 417 Test wickets, 210 have been taken at home, 51 in Australia, 43 in England, 43 in Pakistan, 35 in West Indies, 13 in New Zealand, 11 in Sri Lanka, eight in South Africa and three in Zimbabwe.

For those who like to read something into such statistics, 29.5 per cent of those in India have gone to leg-before decisions and 20.8 per cent of those in other countries. Of the 43 Test wickets he has taken in England, 23.3 per cent have been leg-before. The equivalent figure in Australia is 11.8 per cent.

In pace he has never been up with the Hadlees and the Imrans or the Thomsons and the Lillees; his success has had much more to do with movement and accuracy than with oppression, and that made it the more worrying for him when, two or three years ago, he lost his outswinger. Kapil puts this down to too much one-day cricket, where the narrower interpretation of Law 24 led to his being called for wides that would have passed muster in the conventional game. When he stopped bothering about this, in Australia last winter, the outswinger came back and in five Test matches he took 25 wickets.

In the recent Test match in Madras, it was off outswingers, pitched in just the right place, that Kapil had Smith caught at second slip and Gatting missed at the wicket at the start of England's second innings. It was another, yesterday, which Gooch edged to the wicketkeeper. Kapil knows, as England's new-ball bowlers seem to have forgotten, that in India it is where you bowl that matters most of all, not how fast.

Already Kapil is the only cricketer to have scored 5,000 runs and taken 400 wickets in Test cricket. It is an astonishing achievement. Wasim Akram, the only other seriously good all-rounder playing Test cricket today, is alone in faint pursuit.

As of this morning, Kapil's batting and bowling averages are almost identical (29.74 and 30.99 respectively), a state of affairs that nobody could possibly sniff at.

He has the appeal of Severiano Ballesteros, the looks of Omar Sharif, a prolific talent, a fine reputation as a sportsman and a beautiful and intelligent wife, who runs Dev Features, a syndication agency and their own business.

He is camped within sight of Hadlee's New Zealand flag and destined, I am sure, to plant India's alongside it, and he will do it with style.

We should make the most of Kapil while we can. India have never had another cricketer like him, and quite conceivably they never will.

Sandown winners offer Lambourn ray of hope

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

NICKY Henderson and Oliver Sherwood combined at Sandown yesterday to light a beacon of hope for fellow trainers in the Lambourn Valley whose horses have been under a viral cloud for much of the season.

The victories of Won't Be Gone Long and Young Pokey, who landed the Arkle last season, can hardly be described as the start of a flood but, after the misery endured by the Berkshire training centre in recent weeks, they may be a pointer to better times, particularly with the Cheltenham Festival just around the corner.

The apparent revival in fortunes has coincided with better ground at several courses and that undoubtedly contributed to the success of Won't Be Gone Long in the Jarvis Hotels Chase. "Good ground is not just important to him, it is absolutely critical," Henderson said.

Won't Be Gone Long was running only his seventh race since setting a track record in the John Hughes Memorial Chase over one circuit of the Aintree course in 1990. The Grand National has been the 11-year-old chaser's objective all season, and Corals cut him from 40-1 to 25-1.

Sherwood has suffered more than most from the differing bugs and illnesses which have struck Lambourn yards. Although Young Pokey's hard-fought victory over Al Hashimi in the Squirrel Handicap Chase brought a smile to the trainer's face, he was the first to suggest his chaser has not progressed since last year.

"He's not the horse from last year. Last time I was a bit worried about his attitude as he didn't want to line up and he did the same thing today. His jumping kept him in the race, but Jamie Osborne said he was not travelling as well as he used to. But a winner is a winner and I should be grateful for small mercies."

Philip Hide, who has been with Josh Gifford for three years, is blossoming into a promising conditional jockey. After partnering Annio Chilone to victory at Sandown 24 hours earlier, he recorded his first double on Duke Of Aprolon and Fighting Words.



Gifford: combined with Hide for fine double

Duke Of Aprolon, leased this Monday by more than 60 members of the Turf Club, rewarded his new owners with a pillar-to-post victory in the opening, the EBF Fox National Hunt Novices' Hurdle, and the Gifford-trained hurdler looks destined for greater things when he goes chasing.

Fighting Words, as good a jumper as any among this season's novice chasers, made his superior fencing tell in the Badger Novices chase and Hide, the 19-year-old son of Newmarket trainer Tony Hide, kept his cool against Peter Scudamore and Gay Ruffian in the closing stages.

Toby Balding returned from holiday yesterday and will work Morley Street this morning before deciding on future plans for the former champion hurdler.

Baydon Star has delighted David Nicholson in recent work and is likely to go for the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham rather than the Champion Hurdle.

Martin Pipe, who needs one more jumping winner to reach a career total of 1,500, is 4-1 with William Hill to beat his 1990-1 record tally of 230 winners. In February 1991 he had reached 136, compared to 128 so far this campaign.

Safety at fences must be priority

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WHEN John Sharp was still lying concussed at a fence horses were due to jump in a point-to-point last Saturday, the doctors told the fence attendant to wave the runners round the jump. All but two of the riders ignored this instruction and the race was completed.

Had all the runners gone round the fence, the race would have been void. The present Jockey Club stance of insisting that all jumps have to be taken can be supported up to a point, but specific instructions need to be given to cover all eventualities and safety must come first.

The fence attendant should be elevated to fence steward, given full responsibility and be properly briefed. Nearly always, the present marking system with discs should be adequate, but when there is more than one seriously injured rider or horse unable to be moved, there may not be sufficient room to jump the fence safely.

The steward would then have the choice of two actions: waving the horses past, if it was safe to do so, or stopping the race. If all horses were officially waved past then the result of the race should stand.

On the sixth Saturday of the season, there are still four areas where owners have not been given a chance to compete locally. This is a contributory cause to nine races being necessary at the West Shropshire, where Russki may win the ladies for Alison Dare.

At the United Services, Indian Knight, a likely contender for the Times Rising Stars qualifier at Taunton in five weeks' time, can make a winning reappearance in the confined.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Essex Farmers and Union, Mersea Tey, five miles west of Colchester (first race 12.00); Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, Bogside, 1m N of Irvine (1.30); Lincolnshire United Hunts Club, Market Rasen NH course, 1m E of town (12.30); South Durham, Howe Hills, 6m E of Bishop Auckland (12.30); South Pool Harriers, Otery St Mary, 1m SW of town (12.00); United Services, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (12.30).

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

1.25 Hazel Leaf.
1.55 Pride Of Pendle.
2.30 Down The Road.
3.00 Peanuts Pet.
3.35 Mr Boston.
4.10 Programmed To Win.
4.40 ARMAGRET (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.10 PROGRAMMED TO WIN.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.25 WHITLEY BAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,810: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1	35-2115	KIDLAW 15 (CD,F,S) (J Watley) P Cheesbrough 5-11-10	K Johnson	96
2	0	BRIAR'S DELIGHT 103 (L Aggio) K Oliver 5-11-4	G Thompson (7)	–
3	0-	DON'T TELL JUDY 339 (A Wight) A Wight 5-11-4	Mr A Wight	–
4	3453	FOUR DEEP 29 (The Brew Partnership) J Johnson 5-11-4	A Maguire	96
5	824F34	HIGHLANDMAN 15 (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldane 7-11-4	A Merrigan	97
6	6	KILMINFOYLE 21 (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4	P Niven	–
7	03	LARAPINTA 59 (T Harty) J Johnson 5-11-4	A Orkney	–
8	0	MASTER BOSTON 11 (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 5-11-4	R Hodge	–
9	4-43	RALLYING CRY 98 (M Boyd) R Allan 5-11-4	B Storey	–
10	55-2003	TIMANFAYA 16 (Mrs D Cuthbert) Mrs D Cuthbert 5-11-4	T Reed	91
11	00	WINNINGTONRIG 7 (A Williams) A Williams 5-11-4	G Thompson (7)	–
12	/24-250	HAZEL LEAF 7 (R McDonald) R McDonald 7-10-13	K Jones	–
13	60	HIGH PENHOWE 43 (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-13	C Woodall (7)	–
14		MAY RUN (W Middleton) J Charlton 7-10-13	D J Moffatt (5)	–
15		BATTERY FIRED (N Mason) N Mason 4-10-8	NON-RUNNER	–
16	P00	CURTAIN FACTORY 14 (Durham Drapes Ltd) M H Easterby 4-10-8	L Wyer	90
17	0	DOMAN 175 (W Lothouse) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-8	D Byrne	–

BETTING: 5-2 Kidlaw, 5-1 Four Deep, 6-1 Hazel Leaf, Kilminfoyle, 8-1 Larapinta, 10-1 Highlandman, Timanfaya, 12-1 Curtain Factory, Rallying Cry, 14-1 Doman, 16-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.55 SHELDUCK NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,779: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1	010	NOTABLE EXCEPTION 54 (D,S) (Andrews & Wilson) Mrs M Reveley 11-0	P Niven	96
2	5334	MAKE ME PROUD 15 (J Tonter) W Bentley 10-13	S Taylor (7)	89
3	415041	HILLTOWN BLUES 8 (D,S) (T Dyer) T Dyer 10-10	P Harley	96
4	56012	JOHN HAMAN 8 (D,BF,S) (Cooper Capital Racing) P Monteith 10-10	M Moloney	89
5	P3	NOT GORDONS 16 (J Johnson) J Johnson 10-10	A Orkney	91
6	40433	PASS THE KEY 39 (E Irvine) N Tinkler 10-10	L Wyer	94
7	0	SKY RECORD 7 (Rexy Cleaners Ltd) D Moffatt 10-8	D J Moffatt (5)	–
8	09P6	PRIDE OF PENDLE 29 (W Ireland) B Williamson 10-7	A Maguire	94
9	UF55	SHAYNA MAIDEL 16 (P Byrne) J Bridger 10-5	A Jones	–

BETTING: 3-1 John Haman, 4-1 Hilltown Blues, 5-1 Notable Exception, 6-1 Pass The Key, 8-1 Make Me Proud, 10-1 Shayna Maidel, 12-1 Not Gordons, Pride Of Pendle, 16-1 Sky Record.
1992: MANGROVE MIST 10-0 A Dobbie (14-1) P Monteith 14 ran

2.30 NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY NOVA PLUS NOVICES CHASE (£2,717: 2m 4f) (12 runners) C4

1	6PP113	ITYFUL 16 (V,D,S) (D Lawson) B Wilkinson 7-12-0	A Maguire	78
2	3F3114	REJOINUS 21 (D,BF,S) (C Galloway) A Stringer 8-12-0	R Garritty	89
3	0S/FP/-1	INCONCLUSIVE 14 (6,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-10	J Burke (7)	79
4	P6S/P0-P	AH JIM LAD 103 (A McPherson) A Balley 9-11-4	Mr A McPherson	–
5	00/2	DOWN THE ROAD 18 (R Crate) J Johnson 6-11-4	T Reed	91
6	111U10	FETTUCCINE 112 (F,S,S) (J Watley) P Cheesbrough 9-11-4	–	–
7	20-2PP2	HOUGHTON 7 (S,S) (Lord Manton) M W Easterby 7-11-4	L Wyer	94
8	02FP	SANDY ANDY 37 (T Summerfield) K Oliver 7-11-4	B Storey	82
9	2/44-P05	UPWELL 24 (F) (R Johnson) R Johnson 9-11-4	K Johnson	–
10	00-05	VICARIDGE 81 (R Bowes) R Bowes 6-11-4	G Harker	–
11	322P42	ZAM BEE 8 (N Green) W Reed 7-11-4	C Grant	93
12	0/U6034	STAGSHAW BELLE 15 (Mrs J Straker) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-13	P Williams (7)	81

BETTING: 7-2 Rejoinus, 4-1 Houghton, 9-2 Down The Road, 6-1 Fettuccine, Ityful, 8-1 Zam Bee, 10-1 Inconclusive, 14-1 Stagshaw Belle, 16-1 Upwell, 20-1 Sandy Andy, Vicaridge, 33-1 Ah Jim Lad.
1992: STRONG APPROACH 7-11-4 P Niven (15-2) J Cranham 12 ran

3.00 NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,440: 2m 4f) (14 runners) C4

1	133313	PEANUTS PET 14 (C,F,S,S) (The Ivy Syndicate) T Tate 8-12-0	–	91
2	B-20533	BOLLIN PATRICK 14 (D,BF,F,S) (H Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-11-6	L Wyer	95
3	822140-	ROTHKO 343 (S) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) Mrs S Smith 12-11-2	J Callaghan	90
4	1-31222	ARREGATION 14 (CD,F,S,S) (J Henderson) J Johnson 8-11 1	C Grant	96
5	61-1522P	ASHCOMBE RUN 77 (D,S,S) (T Curry) R Lee 9-10-13	W McFarland	96
6	1-11210	SILLARS STALKER 14 (D,F,S,S) (Sillars Civil Eng) Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-12	A Maguire	93
7	110-231	MEYAN 17 (E Carter) J Banks 5-10-11	S Keightley	96
8	321061	GALLATEEN 8 (C,D,F,S,S) (E Maddan) G Richards 5-10-9	N Doughty	96
9	3-041PP	POLISHING 21 (V,S,S) (J Gordon) M Haywood 6-10-8	P Niven	94
10	2111-54	MAZMOOR 94 (C,F,S) (Mrs A Eubank) A Eubank 7-10-4	Mr R Hale (7)	88
11	883-054	CREENSER 11 (S,S) (J Berry) J Weston 11-10-0	S Dalton (7)	95
12	P62101	ANDERMATT 7 (D,S) (The Maxton Set) J Mackie 6-10-0	N Williamson	89
13	1-32223	THE GREEN FOOL 8 (S) (Mrs B Kidel) V Thompson 8-10-0	B Storey	90
14	01P53P-	BUCK OWENS 312 (F) (Mrs S Johnson) J Johnson 8-10-0	A Orkney	79

Long handicap: Creenser 9-12, Andermatt 9-12, The Green Fool 9-7, Buck Owens 9-0.
BETTING: 5-1 Arregation, Peanuts Pet, 6-1 Andermatt, Meyan, 7-1 Gallateen, Sillars Stalker, 10-1 Ashcombe Run, Bollin Patrick, 14-1 Creenser, 16-1 Mazmoor, 20-1 others.
1992: VAYRIDA 7-10-6 C Grant (13-2) J Hallows 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEANUTS PET (8, 3rd of 15 to Traingloi in Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft) handicap hurdle with SILLARS STALKER (3lb better off) 15l 7th. ARREGATION 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Bollinger in Wetherby (3m 1f, good to soft) handicap hurdle. ANNCOMBE RUN 15l 2nd of 6 to Mistiorm Wonder in Ascot (3m, good to soft) handicap hurdle. SILLARS STALKER beat Manenda 34l in Doncaster (2m 4f, good to soft) handicap hurdle with CREEAGER (9lb better off) 12½l 7th and GALLATEER distant 12th. MIZYAN beat Tristan's Comet 15l in Southwell (AW, 2m 2f) handicap hurdle. GALLATEEN beat Willie Sparkle 1¼l in Ayr (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle with THE GREEN FOOL (2lb better off) 3½l 3rd. Earlier 2l 2nd of 6 to Persuasive in Haydock (2m, soft) handicap hurdle with MAZMOOR (5lb better off) 4l 4th. ANDERMATT comfortably beat Duncan Idaho 12l in Ulverston (2m 6f, good to soft) handicap hurdle. Selection: ARNCOMBE RUN

3.35 TOTE EIDER HANDICAP CHASE C4
(£10,377: 4m 1f) (14 runners)

1	U-111F2	MERRY MASTER 21 (F,S,S) (G Lansbury) S Armytage 9-11-7	Gee Armytage	89
2	48-4402	JUST SO 30 (B,S) (H Cole) H Cole 10-11-5	S Burrough	93
3	3411U42	BLUFF KNOLL 15 (C,F,S,S) (R Bowes) R Bowes 10-10-10	G Harker	95
4	1122214	WHAAT FETTLE 15 (BF,S,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 8-10-10	M Moloney	95
5	P42353	MR BOSTON 15 (B,F,S,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 8-10-5	R Garritty	97
6	44-4412	INTO THE RED 28 (C,S) (J Huddy) J White 9-10-0	N Williamson	89
7	FU1544	DUBIOUS JAKE 6 (D,F,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 10-10-0	L Wyer	95
8	0-12181	REGAL ESTATE 18 (S,S) (Exors of G Darney) R Earnshaw 9 10-0	R Hodge	93
9	4521U2	MR SETASIDE 26 (BF,S) (F Dickinson) J Mackie 8-10-0	A Maguire	89
10	2P/2P1	FELIE NA HINSE 7 (C,S) (Mrs D Champion) R Champion 10-10-0	M Hourigan (3)	84
11	05-3541	CAROUSEL ROCKET 11 (F,S,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 10-10-0	P Niven	84
12	6540FU	OFF THE BRU 15 (S) (G Lockie) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0	T Reed	91
13	FP25/22	BOLD SPARTAN 35 (S) (R Kibland) K Oliver 10-10-0	A Orkney	88
14	0530U0	USHERS ISLAND 54 (C) (R Bowden) J Johnson 7-10-0	A Lamach (5)	–

Long handicap: Into The Red 9-13, Dubious Jake 9-12, Regal Estate 9-12, Mr Setaside 9-11, Felie Na Hinse 9-7, Carousel Rocket 9-5, Off The Bru 9-0, Bold Spartan 8-13, Ushers Island 8-3.
BETTING: 4-1 Merry Master, 5-1 Just So, 6-1 Mr Setaside, Whaat Fettle, 8-1 Bluff Knoll, Into The Red, 10-1 Regal Estate, 12-1 Carousel Rocket, 14-1 Mr Boston, 20-1 Bold Spartan, 25-1 others.
1992: DAVID'S DUKY 10-9-7 K Hatrell (16-1) A Reid 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MERRY MASTER 6l 2nd of 5 to General Peabbing in Ayr (3m 1f, soft) handicap chase with OFF THE BRU tailed off when fell 2 out. JUST SO pack 2nd of 10 to Riverside Boy in Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase. BLUFF KNOLL 6l 2nd of 7 to Plenty Crack in Kelso (3m 4f, good) handicap chase with MR BOSTON (3lb better off) 2¼l 3rd. WHAAT FETTLE 32l 5th and OFF THE BRU unseated rider. WHAAT FETTLE beat BOLD SPARTAN (3lb worse off) 1l in 5-runner Kelso (3m 4f, good to soft) handicap chase on penultimate start with CAROUSEL ROCKET (8lb worse off) 10l 3rd. MR BOSTON (9lb better off) 15l 4th and BLUFF KNOLL unseated rider. INTO THE RED 4l 2nd of 9 to Fiddlers Flee in Warwick (3m 9l, heavy) handicap chase with DUBIOUS JAKE tailed off 4th. Previously beat BOLD SPARTAN (same terms) 9l in 8-runner handicap chase here (3m 6l, good to soft) with MR BOSTON 6l 3rd, BLUFF KNOLL 12½l 4th, CAROUSEL ROCKET 4l 5th and OFF THE BRU 12l 7th. MR SETASIDE completed double, beat Pember Priory 8l in 15-runner Leicester (3m, good to soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. Selection: WHAAT FETTLE

4.10 NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,087: 2m 4f) (18 runners) C4

1	030-121	PROGRAMMED TO WIN 37 (D,S) (Systemcare Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0	P Niven	89
2	01-P0P4	VALMARANDA 8 (S) (Rexy Cleaners Ltd) D Moffatt 5-11-5	D J Moffatt (5)	86
3	63F	ATTADALE 7 (C McShiha) L Lungo 5-11-4	T Reed	91
4		BECKLEY FOUNTAIN (J Henderson) J Johnson 5-11-4	A Orkney	–
5	4535	MAJOR BELL 7 (A Williams) A Williams 5-11-4	M Moloney	84
6	20-06P	RING CORBITTS 22 (Equisonic Ltd) D Eddy 5-11-4	D Byrne	56
7	P26	SHAWWELL 21 (Mrs J Straker) J Charlton 6-11-4	B Storey	98
8	00-	THATS NOT GOSSIP 334 (S Pitlendrigh) S Pitlendrigh 7-11-4	Mr S Pitlendrigh (7)	–
9		THE NASH 591F (J Moffatt) J Moffatt 6-11-4	Mr C Moffatt	–
10	P	TOP MOUNT 49 (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-11-4	A Lamach (5)	–
11	P	WOLFSVILLE 81 (R Lamb) R Lamb 5-11-4	A Merrigan	–
12	0-00000	CHICKABIDDY 7 (J Prideaux) K Oliver 5-10-13	K Johnson	–
13	0156	ELGIN 46 (S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) K Oliver 4-10-13	G Thompson (7)	75
14		MISS TINO 830F (Miss S Rettie) Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-13	P Williams (7)	–
15	000	PETTICOAT RULE 15 (J Watson) F Watson 5-10-13	R Hodge	–
16	0P	SULA 86 (Miss J Campbell) B Mactaggart 5-10-13	L O'Hara	–
17	530206	SPLIT SECOND 18 (L Mason) Mrs V Aconley 4-10-7	C Woodall (7)	88
18	40	TEMPLE GARTH 14 (Mrs J Wilson) J Johnson 4-10-7	A Maguire	88

BETTING: 4-6 Programmed To Win, 5-1 Attadale, 8-1 Elgin, Shawwell, 10-1 Temple Garth, 14-1 others.
1992: TALLYWAGGER 5-11-0 L Wyer (10-1) G Moore 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

PROGRAMMED TO WIN beat Fin Toby 34l in 19-runner Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) novice hurdle with RING CORBITTS (3lb better off) 4¾l 6th. VALMARANDA 33½l 4th of 12 to Band Of Hope in Bangor (2m 1f, soft) claiming hurdle. ATTADALE 71 3rd of 15 to Trainglot in Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) maiden hurdle on penultimate start with CHICKABIDDY tailed off 13th. SHAWWELL 10l 2nd of 12 to Callie Sung in Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start with MAJOR BELL (same terms) short-head 3rd. Selection: PROGRAMMED TO WIN

4.40 NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 2m 4f) (4 runners) C4

1	1-11484	MOMENT OF TRUTH 91 (C,D,F,S,S) (P Monteith) P Monteith 9-12-0	B Storey	87
2	034411	ARMAGRET 14 (CD,F,S,S) (Mrs R Williamson) B Williamson 8-11-7	D Byrne	89
3	18-3U15	HOWE STREET 70 (D,BF,F,S,S) (W Black) J Johnson 10-11-4	A Orkney	94
4	0P-3340	ASTRE RADIEUX 24 (D,S,S) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0	A Maguire	76

Long handicap: Astre Radieux 9-7.
BETTING: 4-5 Armagret, 9-1 Howe Street, 7-2 Moment Of Truth, 8-1 Astre Radieux.
1992: LACDAR 12-10-7 T Reed (9-2) J Johnson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOMENT OF TRUTH 2l 2nd of 8 to Clay Cossby in Kelso (2m 1f, good) handicap chase. ARMAGRET completed double, beat Deep Sensation 23½l in 8-runner grade II Wetherby (2m 5f, good to soft) handicap chase. HOWE STREET beat King Of The Lot 5l in 3-runner Newbury (2m 1f, soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. ASTRE RADIEUX 20½l 5th of 7 to Lagamino in Wetherby (2m 5f, soft) handicap chase in December. Selection: ARMAGRET (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M H Easterby	20	79	25.3	C Grant	39	147	26.5
N Tinkler	9	40	22.5	D Byrne	11	44	25.0
J Johnson	18	74	21.6	D J Moffatt	3	15	20.0
Mrs M Reveley	12	62	19.4	L Wyer	14	74	18.9
Jimmy Fitzgerald	11	59	18.6	K Johnson	8	46	17.4
R Bowes	3	18	16.7	P Niven	18	119	15.1

O'Brien saddles first runner

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

CHARLES O'Brien, younger son of the legendary Ballydoyle trainer, Vincent, saddles his first runner since taking out a trainer's licence at Punchestown tomorrow.

He has a lot to live up to as his father has so far won six English Derbys and his elder brother David, in a curtailed training career, also won the Derby with Secreto.

In view of the Epsom connection, it is appropriate that his first runner, Yukon Gold, is out of a half-sister to Golden Fleece, who captured the 1982 Derby. Yukon Gold defied a 10lb penalty to win the Naas November Handicap when recording his fourth victory on the Flat last season.

In the Baltinglass Hurdle he comes up against some more experienced rivals, notably Triumph Hurdle entries Aegeam Fanfare, Pennine Tune and Shawiya. But on his side is the fact that his elder brother, Drury Lane, scored on his hurdling debut.

Soft Day, Arthur Moore's Arkle Trophy candidate, will start at short odds to extend his winning sequence to four with only three opponents taking him on in the Diners Club Chase. He outbattled How's The Boss to win the Irish equivalent of the Arkle at Leopardstown.

Although Frank Berry would prefer softer ground, he has elected to run last year's Aintree Grand National third, Laura's Beau, in the National trial. Top weight here will be carried by Cahervillahow, for whom there are two sequels to a lamentable display of jumping in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown last Sunday when he trailed in a remote fifth to Jodami.

Michael Morris has reunited Cahervillahow with his former rider, Charlie Swan, and in addition is fitting him with blinkers for the first time. If they work, Cahervillalow would certainly have the edge in fitness on Laura's Beau.

Bucks-Choice upset the odds laid on Bayrouge when the pair met at Naas but, with the weights now favouring Bayrouge, this durable mare can gain her ninth success of the season.

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Television misses out on Nottingham's mouth-watering clash

Smart Sybillin to take centre stage

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE contrasting styles of racing coverage provided by the BBC and Channel 4 regularly helps to bring the sport alive for millions of armchair punters. The extent and quality of racing on British television is the envy of other countries.

This afternoon, however, the cameras will be missing from arguably the most important race of the day as Sybillin, the oustanding novice chaser trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, meets Wonder Man, the talented but mistake-prone jumper from David Nicholson's yard.

The fascinating clash in the Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase will serve as a dress rehearsal for next month's Arkle Challenge Trophy, and yesterday neither camp would hear of defeat.

The jumping blunders made by Wonder Man towards the end of his last two races have detracted from his abilities and prompted critics to suggest he will not get round the testing Cheltenham course.

Nicholson puts the errors down to greeness and said yesterday: "I think Wonder Man will beat Sybillin because he is the better horse. I think he is high class and he made silly mistakes when he has been going too well."

Fitzgerald was equally bullish about Sybillin, saying: "He's the best novice chaser I have ever had. If he gets beat I will go home on a bicycle. I don't think Sybillin has ever been beaten when I have had him right. He is a natural jumper and is like a flying saucer the way he bounces off the ground."

After the way Sybillin demolished a high-class field of experienced jumpers to win the Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot a month ago, it will take an exceptional novice to lower his colours and, even with a clear round by Wonder Man, I do not anticipate Fitzgerald having to pedal back to Yorkshire.

Half-an-hour earlier at Nottingham, the Tote City Trial Hurdle would appear to be at the mercy of Coulton, joint-favourite for the Champion Hurdle, now that Satin Lover is an absentee.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Its Nearly Time
(1.30 Chepstow)
Next best: Peajade
(3.10 Chepstow)

While Nicholson may be out of luck at Nottingham, the improving **Peajade** (3.10) can oblige in the Snaffles Amateur Riders Chase at Chepstow. Partnered by Tom Jenks, who is good value for his 7lb claim, Peajade has been pencilled in for the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham festival. The form of the race he won at Uttoxeter last month has been boosted by the subsequent successes of the runner-up, Direct, and fourth-placed Captain Frisk.

Its Nearly Time (1.30) is lucky to be alive, let alone racing, after surviving a motorway crash when returning from Newbury over the new year holiday. Three weeks after the accident he won in impressive style over two miles at Warwick. Today's Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy Chase is nearly half-a-mile further but the extra distance should pose no difficulties for the Grand Annual Chase-bound selection as he won point-to-points over three miles. Paul Nicholls's chaser is reported to be fit and well.

The 88 horses declared to run at Newcastle gives the card a fiercely competitive look. The Newcastle Building Society Handicap Hurdle is typical with recent winners Gallateen and Andermatt taking on the likes of Peanuts Pet, Bollin Patrick and Mizyan, who looks certain to benefit from running over two-and-a-half miles for the first time.

By contrast, **Abnegation** is coming back in distance following an eye-catching run at Wetherby last time. Although Howard Johnson's eight-year-old has won on heavy ground he is considered to be better on today's sounder surface, and he can prevail.

Into The Red, from John White's in-form yard, showed his liking for Newcastle and a marathon trip when winning there last month, and he could cause a surprise in the Tote Eider Chase over an extended four miles.

At Windsor, **Zeta's Lad** looks well treated in the Fairlawne Chase and John Upson is confident of victory, while **Jurz** can step up on a promising debut at Wincanton by taking the Elite Racing Club Hurdle for Ron Hodges.



GEORGE HERRINGSHAW

Fitzgerald: full of confidence about Sybillin's chance

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.45 Porto Heli. 2.15 Coulton. 2.45 Sybillin. 3.15 Chergo. 3.45 Majed. 4.15 Musthaveaswig. 4.45 Master Jolson.

Brian Beel: 3.15 Star Crossed.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.45 COLWICK PARK CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,980: 2m) (15 runners)

1 2/33 PORTO HELI 8 (B,D,BF,F) M Pipe 6-12-0 — D Richmond (5)
2 13/ RAINBOW STRIPES 107F B Rothwell 6-11-8 — J Railton
3 3505 FAMILY LINE 8 (D,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-11-5 — L O'Hara
4 -4F5 FORBEARANCE 9 (CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-5 — M Dwyer
5 -300 ANDRELOT 24 (B,D,F,G) K White 6-11-4 — V Slattery (5)
6 0 MONTAGNE 25 S Coathup 4-11-4 — H Davies
7 8/F SUM MEDE 24 (D) B Rothwell 6-11-0 — R Dunwoody
8 0553 ANOTHER VINTAGE 22 P Cundell 4-10-9 — G McCourt
9 300R CHANDIGARH 7 R Lee 5-10-8 — R Greene (3)
10 -508 POINT TAKEN 64 K Morgan 6-10-2 — A S Smith
11 0400 GREEN'S SEAGO 28 J Harris 5-10-1 — J A Harris
12 000 ERLEMO 18 (B) W Clay 4-10-0 — J O'Hanlon (7)
13 -500 COUNT ROBERT 7 (B) Miss J Doyle 5-10-0 — S Curran (7)
14 PP13 GLOSSY 17 (D) B McMahon 6-10-0 — T Wall
15 5060 STATION EXPRESS 3 (G) B Ellison 5-10-0 — S Mason (7)

4-1 Another Vintage, 9-2 Family Line, 6-1 Porto Heli, 8-1 Andrelot, Forbearance, 10-1 Green's Seago, Station Express, 12-1 others.

2.15 TOTE CITY TRIAL HURDLE (Limited handicap: £4,760: 2m) (6)

1 1-42 COULTON 28 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-12-0 — M Dwyer
2 -364 DUKE OF MONMOUTH 50 (B,D,G,S) S Sherwood 5-11-6 — R Dunwoody
3 132P CORRIN HILL 49 (S) P Kelleway 6-10-7 — G McCourt
4 5068 CHEERFUL TIMES 12 (D,G,S) B McMahon 10-10-7 — T Wall
5 4441 BAND OF HOPE 8 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 6-10-7 — Diane Clay
6 61-1 WHAT IF 18 (CD,F,G,S) D Brennan 9-10-7 — A S Smith

4-6 Coulton, 3-1 Duke Of Monmouth, 12-1 Corrin Hill, Band Of Hope, 15-1 others.

2.45 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £7,760: 2m) (5)

1 1111 SYBILLIN 35 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-12 — M Dwyer
2 1112 WONDER MAN 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-9 — R Dunwoody
3 /0P4 FINE HARVEST 12 B McMahon 7-11-5 — T Wall
4 02/F PAST GLORIES 7 (S) J Hetherton 10-11-5 — H Davies
5 4112 VAIN PRINCE 72 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 6-11-5 — G McCourt

1-2 Sybillin, 9-4 Wonder Man, 12-1 Vain Prince, 20-1 others.

3.15 BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,135: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 4-1 SWEATSHIRT 14 (D,S) S Pike 8-12-5 — J Durkan (3)
2 F- CHERGO 274 Miss C Saunders 8-12-0 — R Russell (5)
3 5UF- CRUISE CONTROL 322 K Hollowell 7-12-0 — K Hollowell (7)
4 /P- JOGALOT 322 F Kirby 7-12-0 — J Beardsall (7)
5 1P0/ NELTAMA 1766 (S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-0 — J Greenall (3)
6 240/ PARADISE BEACH 1402F (S) S Mellor 8-12-0 — G Oppenman (7)
7 60P/ PLAN OF ATTACK 726 M Sams 9-12-0 — L Neale (7)
8 3601/ SACROSANCT 667 (F) K Bailey 9-12-0 — M Armytage
9 6/3 SAY NO MORE 14 T Tate 7-12-0 — M Appleyard (7)
10 00F- STAR CROSSED S Brookshaw 8-12-0 — S Brookshaw (5)
11 PPP/ TRUE LOOP 656 (F) F Barton 11-12-0 — T Byrne (7)
12 P/24- WILLIE MCGARR 283 Mrs D Thomas 8-12-0 — P Hamer (7)
13 F5-B MATERIAL GIRL 4 C Egerton 7-11-9 — C Vigors (7)

3-1 Star Crossed, 9-2 Neltama, 5-1 Sweatshirt, 6-1 Material Girl, 8-1 Willie McGarr, 10-1 Chergo, Sacrosanct, 12-1 Cruise Control, 14-1 others.

3.45 RACING POST/TOTE TEN TO FOLLOW NOVICES HURDLE (£1,964: 2m) (11)

1 1112 MAJED 35 (D,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-12-0 — Mr M Buckley (5)
2 2401 STRATH ROYAL 25 (CD,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-10 — G McCourt
3 F-0 AARDVARK 23 N Tinkler 7-11-4 — P Midgley (5)
4 05 ARANY 23 M Tompkins 6-11-4 — R Campbell
5 5-62 BELLTON 7 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-4 — M Dwyer
6 32-4 COOLEY'S VALVE 25 N Henderson 5-11-4 — R Dunwoody
7 323 SHOOFE 81 (BF) D Morley 5-11-4 — H Davies
8 56 ARRASTRA 10 R Lee 5-10-13 — Leanne Eldredge (7)
9 GLENSTAL PRIORY 95F F Gibson 6-10-13 — W Worthington
10 P UPPMOOR LADY 24 K Bridgwater 7-10-13 — A Webb
11 0 MRS NORMAN 14 A Potts 4-10-3 — T Potts

6-4 Majed, 11-4 Cooley's Valve, 9-2 Strath Royal, 6-1 Bellton, 8-1 Shoofe, 12-1 Arany, 14-1 Arrastra, Aardvark, 20-1 others.

4.15 MAPPERLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,002: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 16/P UP AND COMING 22 (D,F,G) N Henderson 10-11-10 — H Davies
2 024P ON YOUR WAY 50 (B,S) J Leigh 11-11-1 — Mr W Morgan
3 24U1 CAPTAIN FRISK 7 (S) K Bailey 10-10-13 — J Railton
4 2P21 MUSTHAVEASWIG 22 (D,G) D Nicholson 7-10-12 — R Dunwoody
5 1U53 MASTER CORNET 7 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 8-10-2 — M Dwyer
6 UP/P WESTERN TRUCE 22 (D,F) J Webber 10-10-0 — A Webb
7 5U1- THE TARTAN SPARTAN 418 (F) M Wilkinson 9-10-0 — S J O'Neill

6-4 Captain Frisk, 2-1 Musthaveaswig, 5-1 Master Comet, 10-1 Up And Coming, 12-1 On Your Way, 25-1 others.

4.45 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,903: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1 0322 MASTER JOLSON 25 (BF) D Nicholson 5-11-10 — R Dunwoody
2 -003 WESTERN DANCER 17 C Horgan 12-11-9 — R J Beggan
3 5P16 COME HOME ALONE 42 (B,D,S) N Gaselee 5-11-9 — M Dwyer
4 U16 COURT CIRCULAR 21 W Clay 4-11-8 — Diane Clay
5 3045 THE TITAN GHOST 10 S Coathup 4-11-4 — H Davies
6 2P43 EMPEROR CHANG 95 G Barnett 6-10-10 — R Farrant (5)
7 0/3 CAETANI 18 M W Easterby 9-10-10 — G McCourt
8 -426 SHOW THE FLAG 37 K Bailey 5-10-9 — J Railton
9 U852 LITTLEDALE 11 M Wilkinson 7-10-5 — P Ward (7)
10 0-F6 VALATCH 28 J Harris 5-10-4 — J A Harris
11 P/P0 RIDDLEMEROO 8 (B) A Forbes 8-10-0 — T Eley (5)

9-4 Master Jolson, 3-1 Show The Flag, 11-2 Western Dancer, 6-1 Emperor Chang, 10-1 Caetani, Come Home Alone, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; N Henderson, 11 from 31, 35.5%; M Pipe, 13 from 49, 26.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 53, 17.0%; N Tinkler, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Durkan, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; G McCourt, 18 from 70, 25.7%; H Davies, 7 from 30, 23.3%; J Railton, 7 from 32, 21.9%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 78, 16.7%; M Dwyer, 10 from 66, 15.2%.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Fontwell Park, Wolverhampton, Southwell (all-weather).
TUESDAY: Huntingdon, Sedgefield, Lingfield Park (AW).
WEDNESDAY: Doncaster, Folkestone, Warwick, Southwell (AW).
THURSDAY: Catterick, Wincanton, Lingfield Park (AW).
FRIDAY: Kempton Park, Haydock Park, Stratford, Southwell (AWF).
SATURDAY: Kempton Park, Haydock Park, Edinburgh, Market Rasen, Lingfield Park (AW).
(Flat metings in bold)

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.00 Sun Surfer. 1.30 Its Nearly Time. 2.00 Balasani. 2.35 Grove Serendipity. 3.10 Peajade. 3.40 Castlebay Lad.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.00 PERSIAN WAR PREMIER NOVICES HURDLE BBC1 (Grade II: £6,304: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 121113 SUN SURFER 17 (D,BF,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-12 — C Llewellyn 93
2 111 CASTLE COURAGEOUS 5 (G,S) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 6-11-9 — E Murphy 87
3 111222 HIGH ALLTITUDE 9 (D,G,S) (B Baley) G Moore 5-11-9 — N Bentley 98
4 211113 NOW YOUR TALKIN 77 (D,BF,F,S) (J Wright) D Nicholson 7-11-9 — Mr T Jenks [top rated]
5 600-61 CRYSTAL CONE 25 (C,S) (A Pall) A Forte 7-11-6 — D Skyrme 51

BETTING: 9-4 Sun Surfer, 5-2 Now Your Talkin, 3-1 High Alltitude, 5-1 Castle Courageous, 16-1 Crystal Cone.

1992: MIGHTY MOGUL 5-11-7 M Pitman (11-8 fav) Mrs J Pitman 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUN SURFER completed treble on penultimate start when beating Dreamers Delight a neck in the 7-runner grade 1 Tolworth Novices' Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft).
CASTLE COURAGEOUS beat Cleveland Lady 10l in a 6-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good).
HIGH ALLTITUDE 12l 2nd of 7 to Hebridean in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon last time out (2m 5f 110yd, soft). Previously, 3l 2nd of 3 to Robingo in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft), with SUN SURFER (3lb worse off) 1½l 3rd.
NOW YOUR TALKIN 13l 3rd of 4 to Glen Lochan in the grade II Crowngap Winter Novices' Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, heavy).
Selection: HIGH ALLTITUDE

1.30 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TROPHY CHASE BBC1 (£6,992: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 F1F2F5 MILFORD QUAY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (W Jones) M Pipe 10-11-12 — P Scudamore [top rated]
2 121320 LAKE TEEREEN 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Grantham) R Rowe 8-11-8 — T Grantham 76
3 P-56626 CITY INDEX 44 (F) (The Horizon Partnership) N Smith 7-11-4 — P Leach 50
4 2131-11 ITS NEARLY TIME 28 (G,G,S) (Mrs R Brackenbury) P Nicholls 10-11-4 — M A Fitzgerald 84
5 0-46FV1 NEVADA GOLD 11 (G,S) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 7-11-4 — D Gallagher 68
6 3-04524 PIMS GUNNER 31 (G) (T Brooks) D Burchell 5-10-8 — D J Burchell 81

BETTING: 2-1 Its Nearly Time, 5-2 Milford Quay, 4-1 Lake Teereen, 11-2 Nevada Gold, 8-1 Pims Gunner, 16-1 City Index.

1992: RUN FOR FREE 8-11-3 P Scudamore (11-8 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MILFORD QUAY 37l 5th of 9 to Young Hustler in a conditions chase at Newbury last time out (2m 4f, good).
LAKE TEEREEN 1½l 2nd of 11 to Forest Sun in a novice chase at Sandown on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
ITS NEARLY TIME beat Chiasso Forte 3l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m, heavy).
NEVADA GOLD beat Crystal Heights 15l in a 5-runner novice chase at Warwick last time out (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: MILFORD QUAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	62	205	30.2	P Scudamore	50	131	38.2
D Nicholson	10	40	25.0	L Harvey	7	48	14.6
J Old	7	38	18.4	D Gallagher	4	29	13.8
A Wilson	3	20	15.0	E Murphy	3	26	11.5
J Gifford	10	79	12.7	(Only qualifiers)			

2.00 ALLBRIGHT BITTER HURDLE BBC1 (Limited handicap: £8,805: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 15354-3 MUDAHIM 21 (C,F,G,S) (K Bell) C Broad 7-12-0 — D Tegg 95
2 1/10S-40 BALASANI 7 (F,G) (M Smith) M Pipe 7-11-8 — P Scudamore 90
3 513-450 HOLY JOE 14 (CD,F,S) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 11-11-1 — D Bridgwater 89
4 0P/1142 BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN 10 (D,F,S) (Miss C Olds) Mrs J Retter 9-10-9 — M A Fitzgerald [top rated]
5 1052/FP JIMBALOU 18 (D,F,G,S) (M Davies) R Buckler 10-10-7 — W Humphreys —
6 6-31423 BUONARROTI 4 (D,BF,S) (Spacemage Plastics Ltd) J Old 6-10-7 — T Grantham 82

Long handicap: Jimbalou 10-2, Buonarroti 9-11.

BETTING: 9-4 Balasani, 3-1 Mudahim, 7-2 Boscean Chieftain, 9-2 Holy Joe, 6-1 Buonarroti, 14-1 Jimbalou.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MUDAHIM 1l 4th of 12 to Pragada in the grade II Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot on final start of last season (3m, good), with HOLY JOE tailed-off 9th. BALASANI 13l 7th of 16 to King Credo in the grade III Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury last Saturday (2m 110yd, good).
Previously, 10½l 4th of 15 to Trainglot in the grade III Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft), with HOLY JOE a poor 10th. BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN 3l 2nd of 4 to Sweet Glow in a conditions hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to soft). BUONARROTI 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Mr Taylor in a handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft).
Selection: BALASANI

2.35 NEWNHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,938: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 42-2031 COUNTRY LAD 21 (S) (Mrs R Pattison) Mrs S Williams 5-11-10 — M A Fitzgerald 84
2 14 GROVE SERENDIPITY 16 (B,D,S) (S Helaissi) M Pipe 5-11-10 — P Scudamore 83
3 PP/0P NORTHERN STEEL 87 (G Richards) Graham Richards 7-11-3 — Mr E Williams (7) —
4 U00 OLD STEINE 7 (B) (J Burley) P Hobbs 5-11-3 — C Llewellyn 81
5 3423-65 PONTYNYSWEN 50 (J Thomas) D Burchell 5-11-3 — D J Burchell [top rated]
6 BEATLE SONG 15F (Miss R Dobson) R Hodges 5-10-12 — A Tory —
7 563325 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 14 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-10-12 — Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 74
8 NOW BOARDING 186F (Miss M Gibbon) R Hodges 6-10-12 — I Lawrence —
9 0 UPTON LASS 49 (L Kimber) A Turnell 4-10-2 — L Harvey —

BETTING: 15-8 Grove Serendipity, 9-4 Country Lad, 7-2 Pontynyswen, 8-1 Northern Optimist, 10-1 Beatle Song, 12-1 Upton Lass, 14-1 others.

1992: AMOUR ROYAL 5-11-3 J Osborne (7-2) O Sherwood 14 ran

3.10 SNAFFLES HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,553: 3m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 3-3P0P0 THE LEGGETT 17 (C,F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 10-12-0 — D Pipe (7) 90
2 115242 SUNBEAM TALBOT 22 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Legouis) A Jones 12-11-7 — S Bush (7) 92
3 U12S13 CYTHERE 30 (D,S) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-11-2 — T McCarthy (7) 93
4 F4-21U1 PEAJADE 22 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Vernon) D Nicholson 9-11-2 — T Jenks (7) [top rated]
5 P04-205 PAMPERING 8 (D,G,S) (Cheltenham Race Club) M Meade 12-10-0 — J Rees (7) 90
6 080P-53 RED COLUMBIA 24 (G,S) (F Colon) F Colon 12-10-0 — Mrs G Adkin (7) 92
7 305063 PADDY BUCK 33 (F,S) (J Honeyball) J Honeyball 13-10-0 — Miss T Honeyball (7) 84

Long handicap: Red Columbia 9-11, Paddy Buck 9-2.

BETTING: 6-4 Peajade, 2-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 7-2 Cythere, 7-1 The Leggett, 10-1 Red Columbia, 12-1 others.

1992: SUNBEAM TALBOT 11-11-3 S Bush (6-1) A Jones 11 ran

3.40 GWENT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,092: 3m) (7 runners)

1 /0/2P-21 GRENAGH 25 (CD,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 12-11-10 — D Salter (7) 92
2 00-0002 SEA TROUT 10 (F) (Miss J Horwood) C Jones 9-10-13 — G Upton 96
3 P/3141-0 CASTLEBAY LAD 71 (CD,S) (Spacemage Ltd) J Old 10-10-11 — T Grantham 90
4 204014 OFFICER CADET 7 (G,S) (P Allen) D Wilson 6-10-7 — D Bridgwater [top rated]
5 50001-0 PECHE D'OR 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 9-10-1 — A Tory 90
6 P0346-0 MARQUEE CAFE 10 (F,S) (J Kirby) J Kirby 9-10-0 — L Harvey 95
7 2053/P TAXI LAD 22 (S) (R Buckler) R Buckler 9-10-0 — W Humphreys —

Long handicap: Marquee Cafe 9-9, Taxi Lad 9-0.

BETTING: 2-1 Sea Trout, 11-4 Officer Cadet, 7-2 Castlebay Lad, 4-1 Grenagh, 7-1 Peche D'Or, 10-1 others.

1992: FLYER'S NAP 6-9-9 Mr M P Hourigan (11-4 fav) R Alner 21 ran

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



CHEPSTOW BBC1

1.00: Castle Courageous, a useful stayer on the Flat, overcame a three-month break to win at Plumpton on Monday. He has the ability to cope with today's stiffer task. High Alltitude has been unsuited by the slow early pace on his last two starts, and with no confirmed front-runner here may again be caught flat-footed.

1.30: Milford Quay, whose jumping leaves plenty to be desired, may find the concession of 8lb to Its Nearly Time too much. The latter has won both his starts this season over two miles and should appreciate today's longer trip.

2.00: Balasani was outpaced over two miles at Newbury last week, but will find this less competitive field and longer trip easier to handle. Boscean Chieftain is well handicapped judged on his three-length second to Sweet Glow in a conditions race at Ascot, but he was probably flattered by that run.

NEWCASTLE C4

2.30: Houghton, second to Holdenby over an inadequate trip at Catterick last week, will be hard to beat. Zam Bee has been runner-up six times over fences, and his lack of pace may again prove his undoing.

3.00: Peanuts Pet ran his best race of the season when third behind Trainglot at Sandown a fortnight ago. He holds Sillars Stalker on that running and has sound claims. Last week's impressive Uttoxeter winner Andermatt may be vulnerable off a 10lb higher mark.

3.35: Just So, beaten half-a-length in this race last year, will be hard to beat off an 8lb lower mark today. Merry Master won his first three starts this season but has to shoulder top weight here as a result. Bluff Knoll, Mr Boston and Whaat Fettle all have the requisite stamina, but look thoroughly exposed.

4.10: Programmed To Win will start a short-priced favourite to follow up recent Wetherby gains, but in receipt of 10lb **Attadale** should prove better value. He fell at Ayr last time, but his previous third behind subsequent winners Trainglot and Wishing Gate reads well.

4.40: Armagret was out of the handicap proper when beating Deep Sensation at Wetherby recently, and is hard to oppose off an 8lb lower mark. Howe Street and Moment Of Truth have long absences to overcome.

ROBERT WRIGHT

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

1.20 Boycott. 1.50 Champagne Lad. 2.25 Home Counties. 2.55 Zeta's Lad. 3.25 Manzoor Sayadan. 3.55 Salcombe Harbour. 4.25 Tango's Delight.

Brian Beel: 3.55 Salcombe Harbour.

GOING: SOFT

1.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,025: 2m) (12 runners)

101 1 BOYCOTT 17 (CD,S) S Sherwood 6-11-5 — G Upton
102 04-P DREWITTS DANCER 25 F Gray 6-11-0 — M Crosse
103 /20- FIRST LESSON 357 P Hobbs 7-11-0 — Peter Hobbs
104 0PP0 GOLDEN FRAME 14 D Murray Smith 6-11-0 — J White
105 16 HERLIN 68 (B) T Forster 5-11-0 — R Farrant (5)
106 3F43 LACKENDARA 7 Miss H Knight 6-11-0 — J Osborne
107 0- LANGLANDS LAD 318 H Howe 5-11-0 — J Frost
108 5 ROAD TO FAME 21 G Gracey 6-11-0 — P Holley
109 P ROBERSON 50 A Moore 5-11-0 — G Moore
110 0 CORAL PINK 28 K Bailey 6-10-9 — S McNeill
111 3 EAST GALE 85 S Christian 5-10-9 — S Smith Eccles
112 PP06 ROYAL SWINGER 24 P Pritchard 5-10-9 — Dr P Pritchard

2-5 Boycott, 7-1 Herlin, 10-1 Lackendara, 14-1 East Gale, 20-1 First Lesson, 25-1 Coral Pink, Drewitts Dancer, Road To Fame, 50-1 others.

1.50 DIBB LUPTON BROOMHEAD NOVICES CHASE (£2,173: 2m 5f) (7)

201 2F62 CHAMPAGNE LAD 21 (D,F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-3 — P Hide (5)
202 P/P2 COMMANCHERO 12 R Hodges 8-11-3 — W Irvine
203 236F DONT TELL THE WIFE 39 Mrs D Haine 7-11-3 — G Bradley
204 /3-3 IN THE ZONE 18 W Wightman 8-11-3 — Peter Hobbs
205 P-4P JUST AS HOPEFUL 47 (F,G,S) D Barons 9-11-3 — J Frost
206 P-P2 ROYAL HAVEN 10 S Sherwood 7-11-3 — J Osborne
207 /PPV THIKA 44 (B) J Pickering 7-10-12 — R Davis (5)

4-5 Champagne Lad, 9-4 Royal Haven, 9-2 Dont Tell The Wife, 12-1 Just As Hopeful, 16-1 In The Zone, 20-1 Commanchero, 50-1 Thika.

2.25 HATCH BRIDGE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,600: 2m) (7)

301 2133 CLURICAN 14 (D,S) D Nicholson 10-12 — W Marston (3)
302 32 HOME COUNTIES 14 (BF) N Henderson 10-12 — J Osborne
303 MASTER OF THE HUNT 471F R Bennett 10-12 — L O'Hara (7)
304 MEDIATOR 124F A Moore 10-12 — G Moore
305 F RED SOMBRERO 11 R Brotherton 10-12 — R Bellamy
306 1U24 STORM DUST 21 (D,G) J Fanshawe 10-12 — S Smith Eccles
307 6 MISS SOUTER 14 H Howe 10-7 — J Frost

5-4 Home Counties, 13-8 Storm Dust, 9-4 Clurican, 50-1 others.

2.55 FAIRLAWNE CHASE (£8,208: 3m) (5)

401 5P13 REPEAT THE DOSE 21 (F,G,S) T Etherington 8-11-12 — J Osborne
402 343P ESPY 37 (CD,F,G,S) C Brooks 10-11-8 — G Bradley
403 F5P- KILLBANON 359 (D,F,G,S) C Trietline 11-11-8 — S McNeill
404 30-1 WILLSFORD 28 (B,C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4 — M Pitman
405 -111 ZETA'S LAD 37 (D,F,G,S) J Upson 10-11-4 — J Kavanagh

11-8 Zeta's Lad, 9-4 Willsford, 4-1 Repeat The Dose, 5-1 Espy, 20-1 Killbanon.

3.25 ELITE RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,343: 2m) (9)

501 20/5 RI-NA-RITHAMH 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 — M Pitman
502 5124 KANNDABIL 7 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 6-11-9 — NON-RUNNER
503 10-2 JURZ 9 (D,S) R Hodges 5-10-11 — W Irvine
504 1232 MACEDONAS 3 (D,BF,S) T Casey 5-10-5 — G Bradley
505 1F10 DJEBEL PRINCE 46 (D,BF,G,S) C Egerton 6-10-5 — J Osborne
506 4343 SOLEIL DANCER 46 (BF) D Elsworth 5-10-1 — Peter Hobbs
507 22-0 CLEVER DICK 17 (B,CD,S) A Moore 8-10-0 — G Moore
508 51P- MANZOOR SAYADAN 213F (CD,G) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-0 — B de Haan
509 -5R0 WILTSHIRE YEOMAN 68 (D,G,S) P Hayward 13-10-0 — A Procter (5)

5-2 Jurz, 3-1 Djebel Prince, 5-1 Manzoor Sayadan, 6-1 Clever Dick, 7-1 Macedonas, 10-1 Soleil Dancer, 18-1 Ri-Na-Rithamh, 20-1 Wiltshire Yeoman.

3.55 THAMES VALLEY HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,506: 2m 5f) (7)

601 -6P4 FIFTH AMENDMENT 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs F Walwyn 8-12-7 — R Ponsonby (7)
602 005- BASIL THYME 341 (F,S) Miss P Whittle 13-12-0 — S Bartlett-Sauza (7)
603 00-3 BLUE DART 8 (D,G,S) T Forster 13-12-0 — D Alers-Hankey (7)
604 /0P- HOPE DIAMOND 306 (B,S) C Trietline 10-12-0 — Paul Murphy (7)
605 312/ JAZZY JUMPER 1111 (B,S) J J O'Neill 11-12-0 — Miss K Holmes (7)
606 50/0 PADDYBORO 5 (F,G,S) Miss W Evans 15-12-0 — B Pollock (7)
607 P63- SALCOMBE HARBOUR 305 (V,BF,G,S) H Irish 9-12-0 — Dr P Pritchard (7)

2-1 Salcombe Harbour, 9-4 Jazzy Jumper, 7-2 Hope Diamond, 6-1 Fifth Amendment, 7-1 Blue Dart, 14-1 Paddyboro, 20-1 Basil Thyme.

4.25 HENLEY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,684: 1m 3f 110yd) (18)

1 DEVIL'S CORNER H Webb 5-11-7 — D Meade (7)
2 FALCONBRIDGE BAY C Wildman 5-11-7 — D Meredith (3)
3 FIMMEBAIS P Butler 6-11-7 — C Bonner (7)
4 TANGO'S DELIGHT D Elsworth 5-11-7 — A Procter (5)
5 AUTUMN LEAF C Broad 5-11-2 — D Leahy (5)
6 BUCKMALL GIRL R Brotherton 5-11-2 — W Marston (3)
7 CHAPEL OF BARRAS P Hobbs 4-10-13 — Mr G Lewis (7)
8 DEE EM AITCH C Jones 4-10-13 — S Wynne (5)
9 POLICEMANS PRIDE P Madgwick 4-10-13 — A Madgwick (7)
10 3 SNOWSHILL SHAKER 11 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-13 V Slattery (5)
11 ABBEY'S LAST MARCH A Jones 4-10-8 — Miss I Diana W Jones
12 BLUE POINT N Callaghan 4-10-8 — S D Williams (3)
13 CAROLE'S RISK R Ingram 4-10-8 — G Hawer
14 DANCING REEF Mrs J Jordan 4-10-8 — Mr N Miles
15 LIGHT O'THE MILL Miss L Bower 4-10-8 — B Murphy (7)
16 LIGHT SLIPPERS R Curtis 4-10-8 — G Crone (7)
17 RICH DESIRE R Bennett 4-10-8 — L O'Hare (7)
18 STILL HOPEFUL P Felgate 4-10-8 — R Davis (5)

9-4 Tango's Delight, 11-4 Blue Point, 4-1 Snowshill Shaker, 7-1 Chapel Of Barras, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; N Henderson, 11 from 39, 28.2%; Mrs J Pitman, 11 from 48, 22.9%; P Hobbs, 8 from 43, 18.6%; D Elsworth, 5 from 27, 18.5%; K Bailey, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 8 winners from 29 rides, 27.6%; P Holley, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Osborne, 14 from 68, 20.6%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 48, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Creche. 2.50 Daaniera. 3.20 Mac's Fighter. 3.50 Merseyside Man. 4.20 Modest Hope. 4.50 Scots Law.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 PALACEGATE RACING CLAIMING STAKES (£2,489: 5f) (6 runners)

1 021- ANOTHER EPISODE 68 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-8 — J Carroll 3
2 0310/ SAVAHRA SOUND 505 (F,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-8 — D Nicholls 6
3 32-5 CRECHE 35 (B,CD) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-2 — N Day 5
4 50- BLAZING SENSATION 308 R O'Sullivan 5-8-12 — D Biggs 2
5 24-2 LITTLE SABOTEUR 23 (D,G,S) P Makin 4-8-5 — W Ryan 1
6 00-3 GRAND TIME 12 (D,F,S) Mrs J Dawe 4-7-12 — G Bardwell 4

11-10 Creche, 2-1 Another Episode, 5-1 Little Saboteur, 10-1 Grand Time, 12-1 Savahra Sound, 25-1 Blazing Sensation.

2.50 ALPINE CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,208: 6f) (3)

1 1631 DAANIERA 9 (B,C,D,S) J Berry 8-13 — J Carroll 1
2 -322 PURBECK CENTENARY 7 M Channon 8-10 — Lorna Vincent 2
3 4- FOREST FLYER 271 M Brittain 7-12 — G Bardwell 3

4-6 Daaniera, 2-1 Purbeck Centenary, 8-1 Forest Flyer.

3.20 EVELYN ANTHONY HANDICAP (£4,092: 7f) (12)

1 000- MASHUN 175 (C,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-10-0 — D Biggs 6
2 1312 RESPECTABLE JONES 14 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-10-0 — W Ryan 7
3 1254 RUNNING GLIMPSE 7 (C,F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-9-11 — A Martinez (7) 9
4 -484 MAC'S FIGHTER 14 (B,C,D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-9-10 — B Russell (7) 1
5 2-53 INVOCATION 14 (CD) A Moore 6-9-7 — N Adams 12
6 24-1 KISSAVOS 28 (V,CD,F) C C Elsey 7-9-1 — B Doyle (5) 3
7 0-60 BUSTER 23 (D,F,G) Mrs B Waring 5-8-13 — G Bardwell 8
8 -222 ON Y VA 15 (D,BF,S) R Williams 5-8-9 — J Williams 2
9 -401 RURAL LAD 8 (D,S) R Spicer 4-8-8 — J McLaughlin 4
10 0301 SAMSOLOM 14 (CD,F) P Howling 5-8-8 — J Quinn 5
11 000- UNVEILED 130 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-4 — S Drowne (7) 10
12 0-02 COURTING NEWMARKET 16 (C) Mrs A Knight 5-7-13 — F Norton (3) 11

4-1 Kissavos, 5-1 Respectable Jones, 6-1 Rural Lad, 7-1 On Y Va, 8-1 Invocation, 10-1 Running Glimpse, Mac's Fighter, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 12 winners from 37 runners, 32.4%; R Hollinshead, 10 from 31, 32.3%; R Boss, 8 from 30, 26.7%; R O'Sullivan, 23 from 114, 20.2%; G Harwood, 4 from 20, 20.0%; D Morris, 6 from 32, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 7 winners from 35 rides, 20.0%; K Rutter, 7 from 37, 18.9%; N Day, 16 from 88, 18.2%; B Russell, 5 from 28, 17.9%; T McLaughlin, 5 from 32, 15.6%; W Ryan, 19 from 139, 13.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 3.50 Sharp Thistle. 4.20 Indian Territory.

3.50 DAILY STAR CHALLENGE HANDICAP (£2,905: 1m 2f) (11)

1 -024 AMENABLE 14 (C,F,G,S) R Spicer 8-10-0 — J McLaughlin 10
2 2021 PIGALLE WONDER 9 (B,C) R O'Sullivan 5-9-3 — D Biggs 5
3 00-1 LOWAWATHA 14 (CD) D Morris 5-9-2 — Stephen Davies (5) 9
4 2222 KILLICK 7 (C) R Peacock 5-8-13 — J Quinn 7
5 -120 CARLOWITZ 7 (CD) A Moore 5-8-12 — B Russell (7) 3
6 40-5 MERSEYSIDE MAN 16 (V,CD,F) J Scargill 7-8-9 — K Rutter (5) 2
7 00-4 BALLYRANTER 22 (B) H Collingridge 4-8-4 — Dale Gibson 4
8 2-33 PREMIER DANCE 21 (V,CD) D Haydn Jones 6-7-12 T Williams 8
9 04-4 NORDANSK 16 M Madgwick 4-7-7 — N Adams 1
10 4-54 SHARP THISTLE 21 (B,F) W Musson 7-7-7 — D Wright (7) 6
11 050- SHAROUAN 175 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-7-7 — G Bardwell 11

7-2 Pigalle Wonder, 9-2 Lowawatha, 5-1 Killick, 7-1 Carlowitz, 8-1 Premier Dance, Ballyranter, 10-1 Amenable, 12-1 Merseyside Man, 14-1 others.

4.20 DOROTHY L SAYERS HANDICAP (£2,733: 1m 4f) (11)

1 3101 MODEST HOPE 14 (CD,F) R Spicer 6-10-0 — J McLaughlin 5
2 430- SINCLAIR LAD 129 (F,G) R Hodges 5-9-11 — S Drowne (7) 2
3 0-30 DEBACLE 21 (G) G Harwood 4-9-10 — W Woods 11
4 4121 BREAKDANCER 7 (CD,F) W Muir 4-9-5 — W Ryan 10
5 -345 TAUNTING 18J (C) M Blanshard 5-9-1 — J Williams 7
6 0-60 COOL SOCIETY 14 (F) W Musson 4-9-1 — J Quinn 6
7 000- EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 156 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-9-0 — J Marshall (7) 9
8 U0-3 WATCH ME GO 19 (F) Bob Jones 4-8-8 — N Day 8
9 04-4 INDIAN TERRITORY 9 (V) D Haydn Jones 4-8-1 — T Williams 4
10 00-3 TENAYESTELIGN 9 (G) D Marks 5-8-0 — S Dawson 1
11 500- SPRING FORWARD 94 (V,F,G,S) R Peacock 9-7-7 — S Wood 3

3-1 Breakdancer, 4-1 Modest Hope, 6-1 Watch Me Go, 7-1 Indian Territory, 8-1 Sinclair Lad, 10-1 Tenayestelign, Cool Society, 12-1 others.

4.50 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,950: 1m) (12)

1 500- CHEVEUX MITCHELL 158 (V,C,F,G) M Channon 6-10-0 — Lorna Vincent 2
2 3616 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 7 (C,F,G) Bob Jones 5-9-12 — N Day 6
3 0-50 NORTH ESK 14 (F) D Wilson 4-9-8 — M Tebbutt 7
4 215- TURTLE BEACH 11J C C Elsey 4-9-6 — W Newnes 1
5 0-45 MADAGANS GREY 2 (B,D,F,G,S) R Boss 5-9-5 — W Ryan 9
6 1142 EASTLEIGH 9 (CD,BF,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 — D Carson (7) 5
7 006- OUR EDDIE 128J B Gubby 4-8-12 — N Adams 11
8 63-5 AMETHYSTINE 29 (C,D,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-10 — S Drowne (7) 3
9 15-4 DAM CERTAIN 9 (C) A Denson 4-8-10 — J Quinn 8
10 0626 WELLSY LAD 5 (C,D,S) D Chapman 6-8-8 — S Wood 12
11 1633 SCOTS LAW 14 (B,CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-8-6 — D Biggs 4
12 0-53 APOLLO RED 9 P Harris 4-8-3 — A McGlone 10

4-1 Eastleigh, 5-1 Lookingforarainbow, 6-1 Madagans Grey, 7-1 Dam Certain, 8-1 Wellsy Lad, Amethystine, 10-1 Scots Law, 12-1 Jordywrath, 14-1 others.

Roberts to ride in Dubai

MICHAEL Roberts is one of nine jockeys invited to contest the Dubai International Jockeys' Challenge on March 26. Five teams of two jockeys each, representing Europe, the United States, Australia, Japan and the United Arab Emirates, will compete in four races.

☐ Salbus, successful at Cagnes-sur-Mer for Simon Dow last Sunday, attempts to follow up in the £13,142 Prix Policeman (1m 2f) there tomorrow. John Reid rides.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good (back straight good to firm in places)

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, DUKE OF APROLON (P Hide, 9-2); 2, The Mine Captain (R Farrant, 10-1); 3, Pontoon Bridge (R Dunwoody, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Russell Dalus, 15-2 Red Bean (5th), 33 General Brandy, Needwood Native (pu), Skipperton (6th), 50 The New Wife, 66 Miracle Man (4th). 10 ran. 6l, 1½l, hd, 12l, 12l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £4.90; £1.40, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £16.20. CSF: £41.25.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, YOUNG POKEY (J Osborne, 13-8 fav); 2, Al Hashimi (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3, Alkinor Rex (S McNeill, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Star's Delight (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 1½l, 25l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.06.

3.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, FIGHTING WORDS (P Hide, 10-11 fav); 2, Gay Ruffian (P Scudamore, Evens); 3, Titus Andronicus (J Kavanagh, 40-1). 3 ran. 2½l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.96.

3.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, SEA BUCK (R Davis, 9-1); 2, Le Chat Noir (D Fortt, 6-1); 3, Tallywagger (N Stocks, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Grouseman, 9 Ever Smile (6th), 14 Glebelands Girl (6th), 20 Woodside Heath, 25 Star Of Oughterard (4th), 33 Villa Park. 9 ran. 12l, 5l, 1½l, 15l, 10l. G Balding at Dorchester. Tote: £7.90; £1.80, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £16.50. CSF: £55.71. Tricast: £271.62.

4.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, WONT BE GONE LONG (R Dunwoody, 13-2); 2, Latent Talent (J Osborne, 10-11 fav); 3, Topsham Bay (J Frost, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Diamond Fort (4th). 4 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 8l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £4.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £12.09.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, INDIAN RUN (W Irvine, 2-1); 2, Spectacular Dawn (R Dunwoody, 4-6 fav); 3, Kasisi (A Webb, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Waaza (4th), Saahi (5th). 5 ran. NR: Viardot. 1½l, 12l, 15l, 20l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.44.

Jackpot: £3,548.70.

Placepot: £143.80.

Edinburgh

Going: good to firm

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, BATABANOO (P Niven, Evens fav); 2, Liability Order (D Bentley, 6-1); 3, King's Guest (N Bentley, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Thunderbird One, 12 Tawafij, 14 Eriny, 16 Stoproveritate (6th), 33 Leghim (5th), 50 Patrol (4th), 500 Agwa. 10 ran. 15l, 1½l, ¾l, 5l, 3l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.18.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, TOUGH COOKIE (B Storey, 4-1); 2, Moss Bee (T Reed, 8-1); 3, Chief Mole (A Orkney, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Croesonen (6th), Live And Let Live, 10 Cougar (pu), 14 Dromin Fox (5th), 20 Strong Silver (4th), 25 Shared Fortune (ur). 9 ran. Nk, 5l, 12l, 12l, 10l. R Allan at Cornhill-On-Tweed. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £41.80. CSF: £29.55.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, CORNET (M Dwyer, 7-2 fav); 2, Stepfaster (P Niven, 6-1); 3, River House (K Johnson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Kirsty's Boy (6th), 5 Traprain Law (ur), 6 Logamimo (4th), 25 Laura-O (5th). 7 ran. 2l, hd, 2l, hd, ¾l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.30; £2.40, £2.80. DF: £13.30. CSF: £21.33.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, CHEEKY POT (P Waggott, 4-1); 2, Rapid Mover (J J Quinn, 7-4 fav); 3, Scottish Peril (B Storey, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Rexy Boy (6th), 20 Modulator, 50 Reklaw (4th), 100 Glenoran (5th). 7 ran. 4l, 2½l, ¾l, 8l, 10l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £3.70; £2.50, £1.70. DF: £7.10. CSF: £10.28.

3.45 (3m hdle) 1, PALANQUIN (T Reed, 8-1); 2, Hardihero (B Storey, 11-10); 3, Sprowston Boy (G McCourt, 10-11 fav). 3 ran. ¾l, 3l. W Reed at Hexham. Tote: £7.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £15.26.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, THE RED ONE (Mr S Swiers, 7-4 fav); 2, Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 5-1); 3, Paddy Hayton (Mr R Shiels, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Northumbrian King (f), 8 Pollibrig (4th), 12 Political Issue (pu), 14 Rawyards Brig (f), 16 Le Plat D'Or (pu), Renagown (f), 66 Andrew (pu), 200 Galloway Breeze (pu). 11 ran. 15l, 20l, 12l. P Haley at Tadcaster. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £9.80. CSF: £11.11.

4.45 (2m flat) 1, RELUCTANT SUITOR (D Bentley, 6-1); 2, Herballist (S Taylor, 5-2 fav); 3, Three Strong (D J Moffatt, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Raisamillion (5th), 9-2 Tropnevad (6th), 13-2 Hope Hall, 8 Royal Garden (4th), 16 Master Fleshmen, 25 Staggering, Hilltown, 66 Paper's Pet, 100 Pirate Hook, Pendland Dancer. 13 ran. 1½l, 2l, 5l, 2½l, 1½l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £2.20, £4.70. DF: £5.90. CSF: £21.42.

Placepot: £141.50.

Fakenham

Going: good

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Weekday Cross (A Maguire, 6-1); 2, Nova Spirit (6-1); 3, Roger's Pal (7-1). Solid 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 4l, ¾l. J Jenkins. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £27.80. CSF: £40.83. Tricast: £237.59.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Gladtogetit (A Maguire, 5-2); 2, John O'Dee (8-1); 3, Hiram B Birdbath (11-1). Singlesole 5-4 fav. 7 ran. 2l, 10l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £3.60. DF: £13.50. CSF: £21.03.

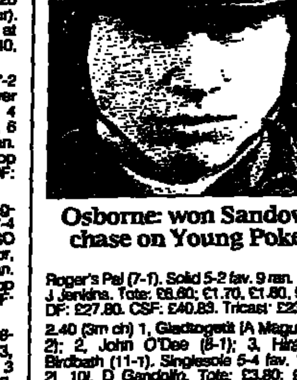
3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Favoured Victor (A S Smith, 4-1); 2, Chuck Curley (2-5 fav); 3, Russinsky (10-1). 9 ran. 4l, 5l. K Morgan. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.77.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Duo Drom (N Williamson, 4-5 fav); 2, Jack's Barn (11-1); 3, Bective Boy (15-1). 5 ran. NR: Four From The Edge. 15l, 20l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £2.40. DF: £8.50. CSF: £8.83.

4.10 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, No Escort (Mr R Russell, 8-11 fav); 2, Gembridge Jupiter (4-1); 3, Torrent Bay (2-1). 4 ran. 3l, 2½l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.80.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Child Of The Mist (Mr G Pewter, 8-1); 2, Scarlet Express (9-2); 3, Irish Dilay (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 5l, 1½l. J Whyte. Tote: £10.70; £2.30, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £13.90. CSF: £43.85. Tricast: £65.60.

Placepot: £35.20.



Osborne: won Sandown chase on Young Pokey

Southwell

Going: standard

1.50 (1m) 1, Round By The River (Dean McKeown, 5-1); 2, Lock Keeper (11-10 fav); 3, Flaps (8-2). 9 ran. 4l, 5l. W Haigh. Tote: £4.40; £1.30, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £5.30. CSF: £11.07.

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, Sugemar (S D Williams, 5-4 fav); 2, La Reine Rouge (10-1); 3, Eire Leath-Sceal (12-1). 6 ran. 4l, ¾l. M Chapman. Tote: £2.00; £1.00, £3.70. DF: £10.40. CSF: £11.94.

2.50 (1m) 1, Silky Siren (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Juvenara (6-4 fav); 3, Pop To Stans (7-2). 8 ran. 4l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £1.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £12.62.

3.20 (6f) 1, Lucayan Treasure (L Dettori, 3-1); 2, Pine Ridge Lad (9-4 fav); 3, Greenwich Chalenge (3-1). 4 ran. 5l, 8l. D Loder. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £9.10.

3.50 (2m) 1, Karamoja (T Quinn, 13-8 fav); 2, Soul Trader (10-1); 3, Kingon (9-4). 4 ran. 1½l, 7l. N Graham. Tote: £2.50. DF: £14.90. CSF: £11.63.

4.20 (7f) 1, Don't Be Said (O Pears, 9-1); 2, Green's Fair (3-1); 3, Prince Of Soul (6-1). Hoochiecoochie Man 2-1 fav. 5 ran. Nk, 15l. R Thompson. Tote: £7.20; £3.50, £1.70. DF: £26.80. CSF: £31.25.

4.50 (6f) 1, Johnston's Express (Stephen Davies, 11-10 fav); 2, Choice Lot (8-1); 3, Quatre Femme (9-2). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l. E Alston. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £5.40. DF: £18.10. CSF: £7.69.

Placepot: £74.40.

Seventh heaven

Cornet gained his seventh success at Edinburgh yesterday when taking the Kilmany Cup Handicap Chase for the second year running. In a rousing finish, Mark Dwyer brought the 7-2 favourite home by two lengths from Stepfaster.

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Flair players must make mark on a five nations' championship high on excitement but low on quality

Armstrong poses main threat to revitalised Wales

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOW often have the English arrived in Edinburgh for a five nations' championship match to be greeted by wind, rain and glowering skies? Yet when Celt meets Celt, as Alan Davies, the Wales coach, put it, the sun shines as it did yesterday to mock the weathermen, and Scotland hope to play Wales at Murrayfield today in conditions suited to open rugby.

The championship would be better for a dash of Celtic cunning or, in Dublin, some French flair against Ireland. It has been an exciting championship so far, but more for close results than genuine quality of play: *Rugby World and Post*, which has been giving marks put of ten for positional play, could hardly reach an aggregate of 90 from a possible 150 for each team in the four games so far.

In terms of points scored, the first two rounds of last season's championship produced 131; by the same stage this season, the aggregate is 82. Is it the effects of the new laws or a general levelling of standards?

But now the Welsh are back in Edinburgh for the Royal Bank international, flooding the pubs and clubs, the hymns and arias to their team stronger than for many a day. What a difference a point against England can make. The Wales management, though, is relentlessly downbeat: to keep feet glued to the ground it has come up with a video montage of Scottish rugby highlights interleaved with suitably heroic shots from the film, *The Highlander*.

With luck, nobody will lose their head at Murrayfield, as they do in the film; discipline has become the key for all countries but, within that framework, there must still be scope for adventure. If there is, Joel Dumé will encourage it. The little French referee has come in for criticism since his international debut in Cardiff a fortnight ago, his part in a splendidly sporting occasion disregarded.

For the country prepared to take a risk, significant prizes await: the victorious team at Murrayfield can focus on the triple crown and the championship, England's preserve these past two years. That is where the query hangs over Wales: they offer evidence of a renewed spirit, unremitting defence and firm foundations. How much can they build on that in the face of Scottish forwards who have followed, almost seemlessly, Calder, Sole and Jeffrey?

Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, attributes much of his team's progress to the captaincy of Gavin Hastings. Hastings himself gives credit to the work the new players, Wright, Reed and Morrison, have been prepared to do and will also remind them of the result the last time the teams met, a 15-12 win for Wales.

But for all Scotland's competitive lineout and a scrum that will pose problems, Wales will pay closest attention to Gary Armstrong. "Their forward play in the loose will be difficult to contain and with Armstrong back they pose a different problem to last season," Davies said.

This has been the season of the scrum half: Armstrong for Scotland, Morris for England, Hueber for France. No team has functioned well in the back line and scrum halves have proved more successful at breaking though. Armstrong did so against France and will look for space — and better support — against a Welsh back row that let Morris slip a couple of times.

Their home record alone makes Scotland favourites to burst the Welsh bubble. There has scarcely been time for Wales to work on their scrum weaknesses and they seem likely to rely again on Neil Jenkins to bring them field positions. If Ieuan Evans can conjure another win, maybe Merlin has been reborn.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), A G Shiel (Melrose), D A Stark (Boroughmuir); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); P H Wright (Boroughmuir), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A I Reed (Bath), D A Cronin (London Scottish), I R Morrison (London Scottish), G W Weir (Melrose). Replacements: K M Logan (Stirling County), G P J Townsend (Gala), A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP), C D Hogg (Melrose), G R Isaac (Gala), I Corcoran (Gala).

WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), I S Gibbs (Swansea), W T Proctor (Llanelli); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea); R L Evans (Llanelli), N Meek (Pontypool), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), E W Lewis (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), A H Copsey (Llanelli), R E Webster (Swansea), S Davies (Swansea). Replacements: R H St J B Moon (Llanelli), A Clement (Swansea), A Lamerton (Llanelli), J D Davies (Neath), A D Reynolds (Swansea), P Kawiuk (Cardiff).

DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	1	0	1	28	19	2
Scotland	2	1	0	1	18	14	2
Wales	1	1	0	0	10	9	2
England	2	1	0	1	25	25	2
Ireland	1	0	0	1	3	15	0

RESULTS: January 16: England 16, France 15, Scotland 15, Ireland 3. February 3: France 11, Scotland 3: Wales 10, England 9.

GAMES TO COME: March 6: England v Scotland, Wales v Ireland March 20: France v Wales, Ireland v England.

IAN STEWART



Getting down to business: the Scotland front row of Burnell, Milne and Wright prepare for the match against Wales at Murrayfield today

SRU defends decision to request payment

BY PETER BILLS

PAYMENTS to photograph Scottish rugby players are being requested by a paid official of the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), with its approval.

The SRU's administrative assistant, Gordon Alston, suggested to a leading sports photographic agency, Allsport, this week that its request to photograph the Scotland scrum half, Gary Armstrong, might be difficult without payment. But Alston is reported to have said that "for a donation to the players' fund he might give you some of his time". No precise sum was mentioned.

The Scotland players arrange their off-field commercial matters through an agent, Fraser Robertson. He liaises closely with Alston, who works in the SRU office at Murrayfield. The SRU secretary, Bill Hogg, yesterday denied there was any wrongdoing, but such a request for money by an official of an amateur union will surprise most people in the game. It is also a departure from the tradition that the rugby media should have full access to the players without charge.

Hogg defended a system that he said — without divulging figures — was earning the Scotland squad more money than their counterparts in England. "Gordon is the man in the office and the system seems to us to work very well," he said.

"We have arranged monies for the players through sponsors which is now permitted by the IRFB rules. We got together with the players on it and are working in tandem. That means any schemes do not have to be approved separately by the SRU committee."

Anxious Ireland should stay true to their soul



GERALD DAVIES

On Ireland's problems

Our sympathies now belong with Ireland. While Wales can stop sucking their thumbs for a while — but not throw away the comfort blanket just yet — the Irish are left to contemplate their navel. For the first time, there is a haunted and hunted look about them. This should concern us, for it is not in their nature to be so cheerless.

As serious-minded as the next man about their rugby but more lovingly true to the generous spirit of the sport than anyone else — the temporary tempests on the field not withstanding — the Irish are never so seriously concerned about failure as to let it spoil a good dinner.

In the moment of their own triumph, they have the hob-nobbing knack and blarney to get their opponents to share their joy. There is normally no telling from their faces whether their team has won or lost and, indeed, whether it matters.

When everything seems too much of a burden and anxiety sets in, we rely on the Irish to remind everyone that it is, after all, only a game. They restore sporting sanity.

But this is not all. If consistency of team performance has never been a characteristic of theirs, producing singular masters of the game has, whether you talk of a McBride or a Gibson. These are, however, lean times, and the prospect of meeting the resurgent French at Lansdowne Road today cannot help.

What has gone wrong? Ireland look to have forgotten the roots of their game. If rugby is more of a thinking man's game than is often portrayed, it also pretends to a sophistication it does not always possess.

Ireland seem to have swallowed an exaggerated version of this in order to pursue an obscure desire to please others than themselves; to be expansive and entertaining for their own sakes.

But if they need to adapt to fashionable new techniques, they must first trust their native instinct more. What is it, they must ask, that will please us?

To be sure, tactical niceties never stand still and methods of preparation do modify with the times but the necessities remain the same.

Just as there are tactical imperatives that are fundamental, so are there inherent national characteristics and temperament to take into account. Although often difficult to define there is a recognisably national character to any country's rugby style.

We know of the practical, no-nonsense character, for instance, of the All Blacks and we recognise the effervescent latin temperament that inspires France's *joie de vivre* when at their best. England's stiff-backed unflappability, of emotions under control, has also been in evidence of late.

The irrepressible and irascible Irish, distinctively different, traditionally prefer to move on the tide of high spirits, leaving a good deal to chance. With the ball the shape it is, why not?

There is a lot of the rough and tumble, the enthusiasm for the furious chase and of fire in the belly. They play on the hoof and like to hoof the high ball: of the up-and-under born in Garryowen.

An established pattern is not to their liking, the genius at half back is, so long as he understands. What use is it to have so many complexities in the front row and intricacies in midfield if the forwards are only confident of a more straightforward route? Keep it simple. But, like the Welsh, they look to their stand-off half to get them out of trouble or win the game.

As coaching ideas are exchanged, each team tries to emulate the other. In sophistication. There is disapproval of Ireland's style, predictable and lacking imagination. They kick too much.

Much the same was once said of Pontypool but they were winning. So what is so wrong in playing to a team's strength? If there is a better way, let others prove it. There is no need to apologise if someone else plays attractively different.

Why should Ireland imitate Australia or anyone else for that matter? Rugby has any number of styles. Ireland, before they can regain their position, must be true to themselves. What new ideas emerge must be grafted to the country's known talent, not at its expense.

Ireland hope to end sorry run

FROM PETER BILLS IN DUBLIN

EVEN when Irish rugby is at a low ebb — and the national side has now played ten matches without a win — there is always a suspicion that the team will suddenly spring to life and pull the rug out from beneath some unsuspecting opponents. Could it be the French in Dublin today?

Ireland resume their five nations' championship campaign having had a month to digest the painful lessons of defeat against Scotland in Edinburgh, when their defensive organisation was feeble.

The need for more power up front has been recognised and Clohessy, a tight-head prop who was a member of the Munster side that beat the Australians last year, has been brought in for his first cap.

He will assuredly bring more spirit to the forward play but what might really set the home pack going would be the sight of Francis playing to his full potential. On his day he is a formidable lineout practitioner, but injuries and their aftermath means that the best has rarely been seen of this enigmatic character.

Ireland's aim will be to get at the French from the first whistle and try to unsettle them. But they will have to maintain their pace and concentration for the entire match, not for just an hour, as has been the case so often in their more recent games.

Despite their performance at Twickenham, this does not look like a great French team. Scotland had them on the back foot for long enough in Paris to have won the game had Gavin Hastings been more on song with his kicking. The manner in which a marauding Scottish pack hustled and bustled to good effect will not have been lost on the Irish camp, which knows the importance of at least matching Scotland's performance in the lineout.

Without Blanco's intuitive genius, France's attacking powers appear far less formidable, although if Ireland offer them the space and time they will happily re-establish their reputation in that particular sphere, as they did in their 44-12 victory in the fixture in Paris last season.

After Ireland had wound up their preparations yesterday, the coach, Gerry Murphy, told his players: "We must go out and make things happen. Against Scotland we did not do that."

The Irish scrummage looks altogether stronger but whether some of the forwards, such as Francis and O'Hara, who have been desperately short of match practice this season, will last the course, remains to be seen while Malone has still to prove himself at stand-off.

France, who have lost to Ireland only once since 1976, should win. But the Welsh have shown already this season what Celtic spirit can achieve.

IRELAND: C Clarke (Terenure Coll); S P Geoghegan (London Irish), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), R M Wallace (Garryowen); N G Malone (London Irish), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P Clohessy (Young Munster), P T J O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon), N P J Francis (Blackrock College), W D McBride (Malone), M J Galway (Shannon). Replacements: B T Glennon (Lansdowne), E Elwood (Lansdowne), R Saunders (London Irish), S McKinty (Edinburgh University), P D McCarthy (Cork Constitution), J Murphy (Greystones).

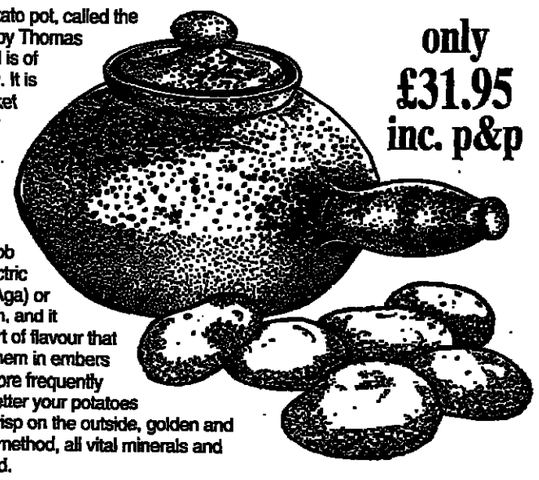
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Taking the press to the cleaners

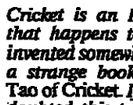
Bombay: The Indian cricket team is considering legal action against the British tabloid press. It has decided that being hurt and angry is all very well, but maybe suing the pants off people would be more effective, and more fun.

It seems that with every passing cricket tour the Indians get more irritated by the bottomless xenophobia of the English in both their sporting and writing avatar. The Indian team has been referred to in print as "cheats" and it is not happy about it.

Ajit Wadekar, the team manager, said: "I will be referring the matter to the law offices, and of course I will have to consult the Board of Control." The incident that provoked the fuss was a spot of gardening on the pitch conducted by the Indian batsmen, Tendulkar and Kambli in the last Test match.

Wadekar pointed out that neither umpires nor match referee had complained. The point, however, is not the incident itself but the wild cries of horror that follow any English defeat by subcontinental sides. The Pakistanis allegedly beat England by ball-doctoring, rather than brilliant fast bowling. And now instead of hearing about great Indian spin bowlers, we hear about pitch-doctoring instead. The Indians are no more amused than were Pakistan.

☐ The English cricket writers had their official tour dinner this week. The starter? Prawn cocktail. Guess how many people refused it, on the grounds that they had essential business at a Test match the following day? Send your answers on a postcard to Lord's.



SIMON BARNES

Sporting Diary

Cricket is an Indian game that happens to have been invented somewhere else, says a strange book called The Tao of Cricket. *If anyone ever doubted this truth, consider the matter in which Indian Railways won the national women's cricket championship recently. Railways batted first in the final against Karnataka. It was a three-day, four-innings match. The Railway ladies batted for two days, reaching 439 for five declared. Karnataka then batted, hanging on grimly and still in their first innings at the end of the third and final day. A draw, then. Not a bit of it. In an effort to achieve a result, the match was extended into a fourth day. Karnataka were finally bowled out for 133, and that was enough to give Railways a victory by virtue of a first-innings lead.*

Cue artiste

This column's hero of the week is Puja Bharkatiya. She became the Indian women's snooker champion at the age of 18 in 1991, and retained the title the following year. How did she learn to play? From her mother, obviously. Will she win the title again? "I will try." Most things in this country are surreal — but a fast-cueing female snooker hotshot is not something I was mentally prepared for.

Trolley folly

The drinks trolley in the Test here is a fairly good example of the genre — a jolly red cart bearing the logo of that most Indian of fizzy drinks, Thums Up. But I was delighted to learn that my all-time favourite drinks trolley and an old friend of this column, the Madras Rubber Foundry space shuttle-shaped drinks trolley, is still in service. It was used during the previous Test in Madras.



Marathon man

Polin Belisle only just failed to make it as hero of the week. He ran in the marathon at the Barcelona Olympics last year, and also in the 1988 Olympic marathon. In 1988, he ran for Belize after claiming a fast qualifying time. He finished 98th and last in 3hr 14min 2sec, more than an hour behind the winner. In 1992 he talked his way into the Honduras team, claiming he was born there and that he had run 2hr 18min 38sec in the Los Angeles Marathon that year. He did not mention that he was also disqualified for his failure to appear at a single one of the race checkpoints, nor that he had also been disqualified from the Long Beach Marathon for the same reason. But the Honduran team did find out that Belisle was a phoney. They chucked him out of the team, and out of the Olympic village. But, soft-hearted, it let him keep his race numbers as souvenirs. So Belisle pinned them to his Honduran vest, got past security, lined up, and set off. If you don't believe me, check on a video — you can see him up there with the leaders for the first mile. After that, he disappeared from sight.

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Why Eubank can win everything but respect

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

CHRIS Eubank is probably the best super-middleweight in the world. He could beat Nigel Benn, the World Boxing Council champion, again, knock out Michael Nunn, the World Boxing Association title-holder, and even outsmart James Toney, who recently won the International Boxing Federation title, yet nobody outside the World Boxing Organisation has any time for him.

If Eubank cares at all about how people in boxing see him (which is most unlikely as he is only in it for the money), he can blame nobody but himself for the lack of recognition. He has not met any world-class opponents. Two domestic rivals, Benn and Michael Watson, gave him a hard time and two of his hand-picked opponents, Sugar Boy Malinga and Tony Thornton, made him look ordinary.

Eubank takes another step tonight to devalue himself further by defending his title against Lindell Holmes, aged 35, at Olympia. Holmes has boxed only once in 19 months, against Ralph Moncreiff, aged 42, after being knocked out by Darrin Van Horn. Holmes's points win over Moncreiff, who is no more than a journeyman, earned him a No. 7 position in the rankings of the WBO. He is not ranked in the top ten by the three other world bodies.

No wonder *Boxing News* said: "How can an old inactive fighter, taken the distance by a 42-year-old last time out, possibly be given a chance of dethroning someone like Eubank, who's in his prime at 26? This match is little better than Riddick Bowe's fiasco against Michael Dokes in New York earlier this month."

Eubank said: "My intention is to secure more points than him. If he hits me I'll retaliate. I intend to outbox him. If he steps out of line, I'll knock him out."

"Sounds good," Holmes said. He said he had taken the bout to make up money he lost in a divorce case and he would not carry on boxing beyond 1993, even if he won the title. "I want to keep my sanity," he said. "Fighters suffer some type of damage but I'm not impaired mentally."

Billy Gutz, Holmes's manager, blamed marital problems for his defeat by Van Horn. The 19 months of inactivity was due to the fact that nobody, including Nunn and Thornton, would take on Holmes. "When Don King told Nunn, 'You're fighting Lindell Holmes', Nunn told King, 'You fight Lindell Holmes'," Gutz said. "Five years ago this kid [Eubank] and Lindell didn't belong in the same ring. Lindell has got more first-round knockouts than Eubank's got knockouts."

Then after a pause, Gutz said: "He's trained well, he's been training with James Toney. Only one thing bothers me. Lindell. He's got the guns, he's got to be able to pull the trigger."

Holmes, though never quite a top-rank boxer, is technically far better than Eubank, having beaten, in his time, Buster Drayton, Murray Sutherland and Lotte Mwale. Holmes was at his best in the late 1980s when he lost a controversial world title decision to Chong-Pal Park. But he won the vacant IBF title in 1990 by outpointing Frank Tate. He defended the title twice.

Against Van Horn he tired badly. Holmes has always had a question mark over his stamina: he was knocked out by Irving Hines in three and by Dwight Davison in eight. It is possible to see Eubank stopping him by the fifth or sixth round.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hicks is master in youth battle

ANDY Hicks, the world No. 70, produced a completely unexpected fightback to beat Ronnie O'Sullivan, the game's best teenage snooker prospect, 5-4, in the quarter-finals of the £150,000 Humo European Open in Antwerp yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

O'Sullivan, 17, was on course to become the youngest player to figure in the semi-finals of a world ranking tournament when he compiled breaks of 114 — is thirtieth century of the season — 70, 33, and 42 to establish a 3-0 lead. However, O'Sullivan, the 1991 world junior champion, began to commit careless errors and, once he had a foothold, Hicks, 19 of Tavistock, won five of the next six frames. Hicks will play Steve Lee or, more likely, Steve Davis, the six-times world champion, today for a place in the final.

Stephen Hendry, the world champion, had scraped through his quarter-final against Joe Swail on Thursday night, winning 5-4 after letting slip a 4-2 lead for Swail to draw level at 4-4. Swail went 35-20 ahead in the deciding frame before failing to pot an ambitious red. Hendry stepped in with a 73 clearance.

Fierce rivalry renewed

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, the England No. 1, having repelled a furious and physical second-round challenge from the Spaniard, Austin Adarraga, will play Chris Dittmar, of Australia, the world No. 2, in the quarter-finals of the Leekes Classic in Cardiff today. But this match is likely to be overshadowed by the one preceding it, in which Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, and Rodney Martin, of Australia, both former world champions, renew hostilities, having clashed repeatedly two seasons ago. Martin said yesterday that he did not believe there would be any trouble, as long as Jahangir allowed him rightful passage to the ball.

Halifax face challenge

RUGBY LEAGUE: Halifax, who have scored three convincing wins and run St Helens close since Malcolm Reilly took over as coach, take on Wigan on the next two Sundays. Their meeting tomorrow can nudge Wigan ahead of St Helens in the Stones Bitter championship, while at home next week Halifax will attempt to end Wigan's Challenge Cup monopoly in their quarter-final. After losing heavily at Widnes in midweek, St Helens omit Alan Hunte, Gary Connolly and Sonny Nickle against Hull, playing Ricky Cowan at prop and Mike Riley on the wing.

Slalom success



SKIING: Emma Carrick-Anderson, right, won the women's slalom from Clare de Pourtales at the British national championships in Tignes, France, yesterday. Lesley Robertson's consistency gave the young Aberdeen skier the overall title and her fellow Scot, Sean Langmuir, sucessfully defended his 1992 slalom title. Graham Bell, whose form improved during the week, secured his first men's overall title with ninth place in the slalom.

Reading on the brink

HOCKEY: A win for Reading at Cheltenham tomorrow will secure the second division title and with it promotion to the first division of the Pizza Express national league next season. The Cheltenham forwards will have an unenviable task in attempting to break down a Reading defence that has conceded only four goals in 14 matches. Ian Jennings, who is playing for St Albans in the European indoor club championship, will fly home from Vienna in time to play against Isca in the colours of Guildford, who are disputing the second promotion place with Indian Gymkhana.

Boardman riding high

CYCLING: In the fashion of professional racing teams on the Continent, Chris Boardman, the British Olympic champion, puts his new amateur squad on parade today in his home territory of the Wirral. Under the umbrella of his original club, North Wirral Velo, Boardman has gathered half a dozen riders capable of making it Britain's dominant club on road and track this season. With sponsorship from Kodak and Reebok to be announced today, the club will also be the country's richest.

ATHLETICS

Morceli offers record deal of something for nothing



David Powell, athletics correspondent, meets Noureddine Morceli, the quiet Algerian who wants to break two world indoor records in Birmingham today

IT IS not often these days that world records come for nothing, especially outside world championships or Olympic Games. Addis Abebe collected $500,000 (£330,000) for a 10 kilometres road world best last month.

There will be $50,000 in April for anyone setting a world's fastest time in the London Marathon and a pole vault world record by Sergey Bubka usually shifts about $80,000 his way.

So Andy Norman, the promoter of the TSB indoor meeting in Birmingham today, may have found a bargain. "Buy one, get one free," is the offer coming from Noureddine Morceli.

Norman will pay bonus money to Morceli if he breaks the ten-year-old indoor mile world record, but for the Algerian, being the talent that he is, one record is not enough. He wants to beat the 1,500 metres mark along the way. No bonus for that one, though.

"I want to break two world records," he said. Though there have been mutterings that he is not as fit as he would have us believe, when Morceli talks world records we must pay attention. He has, after all, three to his name. In between setting indoor and outdoor records for 1,500 metres, he ran one at 1,000 metres in Birmingham last February.

"The track is very, very fast," he said on Thursday. Morselee (not More-chelly) often has his name mispronounced and misspelt but does it bother him? "No, as long as people know who I am," he said. Who is he then?

Morceli, 22, is one of nine children and a devout Muslim who reads the Koran daily and fasts for 30 days at Ramadan. He is softly spoken and unaffected by his success. "I always try to be who I am and be nice to people," he said. He is the 1,500 metres world record-holder, indoors and outdoors, and world champion at both.

His 3min 28.82sec outdoors in Rieti, Italy, last September took him into territory unexplored by Cram, Ovett, Coe and Aouita. "I am the only one who has run under 3:29; it is something special," he said. He attributes his talent to Allah and offers rather less thanks to the Algerian federation.

Five years ago, he packed his bags and left for college in the United States after the federation refused his request for assistance. He had just finished second in the world junior championships.

"I was so mad with the federation, so I decided to go to America for training," he said. And the relationship now that he is a great champion? "Still not good," he said.

His inspiration was his brother, Abderahmane, who set an African 1,500 metres record in 1977 when finishing fourth in the World Cup. He should have been better. "He wasn't serious and had too much fun," Morceli said.

Now, another Morceli is coming: Ali, 20, who runs a decent 800 metres. Will he be as good as Noureddine? "I don't think so. He is kind of lazy. I am very dedicated about what I do."

Morceli's priority this year is not, he said, to retain his outdoor world title but to break Cram's eight-year-old outdoor mile world record of 3min 46.32sec. "I should run 3:45, 3:44 very easy," he said. Before the 1996 Olympic Games, after which, he said, he would move up to 5,000 metres, he believes he is capable of running 3:26 for 1,500 metres.



No gain without pain: Morceli shows his strength in the 1991 world championships

Unlike many others who have held the 1,500 metres or mile world record, Coe especially, Morceli coaches himself, setting his own training schedules. Not that he ignores good advice; he has combined the best of Coe's, Aouita's and Cram's training. "You have to be smart," he said.

The records he is chasing today are his own 3min 34.16sec (1,500 metres) and Eamonn Coghlan's 3min 49.78 (mile). When John Walker set an outdoor mile world record of 3:49.4, he passed 1,500 in 3:34.3.

Two weeks ago, Morceli managed only 3:55.06 in New York. That said, he set his 1,500 metres outdoor world record less than a month after running 13 seconds slower for seventh place in the Olympics, for which his build-up was hampered by injury.

In Birmingham last year, Morceli won unchallenged. Today, provided he is not fooling about his fitness, he should be far enough ahead to give us his version of Home Alone II.

But the meeting is not entirely dependent on Morceli for world-record talk. Colin Jackson, pushed by a field of the best Americans, could challenge Greg Foster's 7.36sec for the 60 metres hurdles. Merlene Ottey, after setting a 200 metres world record last weekend, wants to reclaim the 60 metres mark she has just lost to Irina Privalova at 6.92sec.

BOWLS

Nicolle moves Islands indoors

By David Rhys Jones

WHEN Mike Nicolle, of Guernsey, knocked Ian Schuback, the holder and No. 1 seed, out of the first round of the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship yesterday, he became the first Channel Islander to win a game in the event since it was first staged in 1979.

Nicolle, a 100-1 outsider, startled Schuback with his consistent drawing to the jack over the first four ends. That was how long it took him to win the first set, 7-1, before the holder had time to settle.

Schuback, drawn unwillingly into attempting too many forceful shots, had little luck, but stuck to his task well enough to salvage the second set, scoring a three to break a 3-3 deadlock, and squaring the match with a single.

The Australian took full advantage of a lapse in Nicolle's concentration to collect another treble to lead 6-5 in the third set, and had established a good set lie when bad luck intervened.

Driving to send the jack out of bounds, Nicolle struck it, but the speeding jack hit one of his own bowls and came to rest where it gave Nicolle the two shots he needed to win the set.

Schuback won the fourth set 7-1 in 15 minutes, but Nicolle sped into a 5-2 lead in the decider and produced a magical match-winner that left Schuback with no option but to fire. He missed twice, by less than an inch.

"It was a lucky result," Nicolle said, but there were no complaints from the deposed champion, who said he was delighted to have been involved in such a good game.

It was the second the time that the hirsute Channel Islands architect has beaten a top-ranked Australian.

In 1988 he surprised the bowling world when he defeated Kenny Williams in the world outdoor championships.

"That win helped someone else," he said, referring to the way his victory over Williams had allowed Willie Wood, of Scotland, into the final. "This one was more important because it helped me. I hope it has put Guernsey on the bowlers' map, too."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
NORWAY							
Hafjell	35	45	good	good	overcast	-1C	17/2
(7/8 lifts open. 200kms cross-country skiing)							
Voss	40	250	new snow	new snow	snow	0C	18/2
(All lifts open. 20kms cross-country skiing)							
AUSTRIA							
Alpbach	15	70	good	worn	cloudy	-2C	17/2
(Good cover of dry snow on hardpacked base. 70% runs open)							
Schladming	15	90	good	slick	snow	0C	18/2
(Light snowfall upper slopes. Best snow north-facing runs)							
St Anton	30	125	good	open	bright	1C	17/2
(Dry snow on firm base. All lifts, runs open)							
Zell am See	15	120	hardpacked	open	overcast	0C	17/2
(New snow above mid-station. 24/26 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	20	250	good	poor	bright	4C	27/1
(50% area open. Artificial snow lower runs)							
Chamonix	15	300	good	thin	bright	0C	28/1
(Some pistes skied out. Best snow upper runs)							
Les Deux Alpes	20	220	good	closed	sunny	5C	9/2
(Hard snow above mid-station. Some slick patches)							
Megève	0	120	fair	closed	sunny	0C	27/1
(Pistes above 2000m groomed. 35% ski area open)							
Val Thorens	80	300	hard	icy	sunny	-1C	27/1
(Spring snow south-facing slopes. All runs groomed)							
SWITZERLAND							
Adelboden	30	80	fair	closed	cloudy	1C	17/2
(Best snow upper levels. 75% of lifts open)							
Crans Montana	5	200	fair	thin	cloudy	0C	28/1
(Spring snow all levels)							
Gstaad	5	40	good	thin	cloudy	1C	28/1
(Dry, packed snow on upper runs. Wet snow on lower runs)							
Morgins	0	25	fair	closed	sunny	3C	17/2
(Light cover new snow improving worn, upper runs)							
ITALY							
Bormio	10	150	compact	hard	sunny	0C	27/1
(Artificial snow on lower slopes. 15/17 lifts open)							
UNITED STATES							
Mammoth	240	400	good	good	cloudy	-1C	16/2
(Excellent skiing at all levels on both mountains)							
Vail	140	190	new snow	new snow	snow	-5C	18/2
(Plenty of fresh snow. All lifts/trails open)							

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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Virtus Bologna (It) 90, Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 71; Limoges (Fr) 81, Scavolini Pesaro (It) 47. Group B: Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 78, Mechelen (Bel) 63; Estudiantes Madrid (Sp) 71, Real Madrid (Sp) 79; Benetton Treviso (It) 75, Olympiakos (Gr) 67; Group B: KK Zadar (Cro) 89, Orthez (Fr) 88.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Dundee University 49, Durham University 51
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Minnesota Timberwolves 121, Sacramento Kings 114; Houston Rockets 119, Boston Celtics 84; Utah Jazz 105, Milwaukee Bucks 94; San Antonio Spurs 103, Philadelphia 76ers 98; Phoenix Suns 131, Atlanta Hawks 119; Los Angeles Clippers 108, Washington Bullets 95; Portland Trail Blazers 105, Los Angeles Lakers 103; Seattle SuperSonics 131, Golden State Warriors 116.

BOXING

ADELAIDE: WBF welterweight championship: Lester Ellis (Aus) ko Rocky Berg (US), 2nd rnd.

BOWLS

YETTON TROPHY: Women's inter-club championship: Quarter-finals: York 80, Leicester 75; Cherwell 71 Tilbury 70; Dentord Stone Lodge 70, Way Valley 66; British Cellophane 82, Dolphin 81.

CRICKET

DURBAN: Triangular one-day series: West Indies 268-5 (50 overs) (S C Lara 128, P V Simmons 70); Pakistan 144 (46.5 overs). West Indies won by 124 runs.
CALCUTTA: Third Youth Test match: India Under-19 474-8 dec; England Under-19 184 and 155 (R Cunliffe 57 not out) India won by an innings and 155 runs.

CYCLING

SAVONA, Italy: Laiguaglia Trophy (160km): Winner: L Armstrong (US), 3hr 51min 22sec.

FOOTBALL

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Full Members Cup: Preliminary round: Uxbridge 0, Harrow Borough 1.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Llanelli 3, Maesteg Park 2.
FAI CUP: First-round replay: Shelbourne 4, Bray Wanderers 1.
SPANISH CUP: Third round, second leg: Real Madrid 3, Real Mallorca 0 (agg: 3-2)

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian Masters: Leading second-round scores (Aus unless stated): 142: B Hughes, 70 72; T Price, 68, 74. 143: N Price (Zim), 73, 70; J Clifford, 72, 71. 144: B Andrews, 70, 74. 145: M Allen, 69, 76; S Soahill (NZ), 69, 76; G Norman, 71, 74; J Taylor, 69, 76; W Grady, 71, 74. 146: P Senior, 68, 78; R Mackay, 72, 74, M Harwood, 70, 76; C Gray, 73, 73; C Parry, 67, 79; M Colandro (US), 72, 74; S Leaney, 69, 77.

LA JOLLA, California: Buick Invitational: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 70: J Haas, 72: P Stewart, K Gibson, B Ciampett, G Whisman. 73: H Sutton, G Twiggs, Y Mizumaki (Japan), J Durant, J D Blake. 74: D Waldorf, J Mudd, J Gomez, M Standly, J Mahaffey, R Beiersdorf. 75: P Blackmar, C Stadler, R Fehr, M Schiene, P Mickelson, K Clearwater, L Roberts, S Lamontagne, E Dougherty, B Sheehy, S Pate.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 136: V Singh (Fiji), 67, 69. 137: S Flesch, 69, 68. 139: G Norquist, 69, 70; K Jong-duck (S Kor), 67, 72; C Lamain (Ven), 69, 70. 140: C Reed, 68, 72; G Webb, 67, 73; B Jobe, 71, 69; E Meeks, 67, 73. 141: P Haugsrud (Swe), 72, 69; C Sang-ho (S Kor), 68, 73; Z Moe (Burma), 70, 71. 142: H Hurn-jen (S Kor), 73, 69; D Klenk, 73, 69; J McCullough, 74, 68; M Wurtz, 71, 71; I Woosnam (GB), 70, 72; T Hamilton, 69, 73

MBABANE, Swaziland: Men's tournament: Leading first-round scores (South African unless stated): 64: F Verwey. 67: H Royer (US), W Vickers (US), K Stone. 68: D Harrington (US), T Slankowski (US), W Player, S Burnett, I Hutchings, S Daniels, R Goosen, 69: T Carr (US), C Davison (GB), M Small (US), I Mosey (GB), D Tarblanche, C Williams, H Baucchi, D James, P van der Rust, A Cruse, B Prytz.

HONOLULU: Hawaiian women's open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 67: G Graham (Can); 68: L Waters (Can), N Lopez, J Brles-Hinton. 70: L Neumann (Swe), D Mochrie, C Mackey, T Kerdyk, L Davies (GB). 71: M B Zimmerman, D Richard, C Kagge, B Burton, D Andrews, K Robbins, L A Mills, J Larsen, D Baldwin. British: 75: C Pierce. 76: S Strudwick. 78: K Davies.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB), 24.42 points average; 2, F Couples (US), 16.40; 3, I Woosnam (GB), 12.96; 4, J M Olazabal (Sp), 12.69; 5, B Langer (Ger), 12.57; 6, N Price (Zim), 12.37, 7, G Norman (Aus), 12.17; 8, D Love III (US), 11.97, 9, T Kite (US), 11.49; 10, J Cook (US), 10.68.

HOCKEY

PESHAWAR: International match: Pakistan 7, France 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; St Louis Blues 4, New York Islanders 2; Chicago Blackhawks 7, Los Angeles Kings 2; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Vancouver Canucks 2; San Jose Sharks 5, Winnipeg Jets 3.

NORDIC SKIING

FALUN, Sweden: World nordic championships: Women's 15km classical-style cross-country race: 1, E Valbe (Russ), 44min 49.1sec; 2, M-L Kirvesniemi (Fin), 45:39.0; 3, M Roiig (Fin), 45:36.01; 4, L Lazutina (Russ), 46:08.30; 5, M di Centa (It), 46:10.40; 6, S Belmondo (It), 46:13.30; 7, P Maaita (Fin), 46:41.9; 8, O Danilova (Russ), 46:46.1. Men's combined: 1, K Ogiwara (Japan) (ski jumping, 222.2pts; cross-country, 46min 47.5sec); 2, K-T Apeland (Nor), (197.3, 46:36.1); 3, T-E Elden (Nor), (178.5, 44-16.2); 4, B-E Vik (Nor), (192.3, 46:08.6); 5, T Kono (Japan) (213.3, 46:29.8); 6, M Abe (Japan), (218.2, 46:38.1)

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: Second division: Bramley 30, Oldham 13. Alliance Cup: Quarter-final: Widnes 36, Leigh 12.

SNOOKER

ANTWERP: European Open: Quarter-finals: M Price (Eng) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire), 5-4; A Hicks (Eng) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng), 5-4.

SQUASH

CAIRO: Junior International match: Egypt 2, England 3 (England names first): A Ibes bt O El Borolssy, 3-1; P Hargrave lost to M Medhat, 2-3; L Beachill lost to A Barada, 0-3; P Trenfield bt A Faizy, 3-1; J Russell bt A Shebana, 3-0. Series level at 1-1.

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic: Men: First round: Second round: C Dittmar (Aus) bt C van der Walt (SA), 15-8, 15-8, 15-7, S Elopuro (Fin) bt S Meads (Eng), 15-10, 15-10, 17-15, 15-8; R Martin (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 15-8, 15-7, 5-15, 15-3; P Marshall (Eng) bt A Adarraga (Sp), 9-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-8. Women: First round: C Jackman (Eng) bt S Meclle (Eng), 7-15, 14-17, 15-13, 15-9, 15-11; C Nitch (SA) bt L Opie (Eng), 13-15, 15-5, 15-7, 15-7; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-7, 15-13, 15-8; H Wallace (Can) bt D Dracy (Aus), 15-7, 15-17, 15-7, 15-7.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Scotland Under-21 8, Wales Under-21 16; Scottish Universities 18, Welsh Universities 18

CLUB MATCHES: Stewarts Melville FP 30, Newbridge 16; Edinburgh Academicals 21, South Wales Police 8.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: British Land British national championships: Slalom: Men: 1, D Schmidt (Fr), 1min 15.80sec; 2, S Langmuir (GB), 1:17.69; 3, A Baxter (GB), 1:18.08; 4, J Bartlet (GB), 1:18.82; 5, M Bell (GB), 1:20.33. Women: 1, E Carrick-Anderson (GB), 1:9.06; 2, C de Pourtales (GB), 1:10.14; 3, V Berenger (Fr), 1:12.35; 4, S Clement-Guy (Fr), 1:12.96; 15, L McKenna (GB), 1:17.40.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: M Stich (Ger) bt M Rosset (Switz), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; B Becker (Ger) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-4, 7-6; C Pioline (Fr) bt G Forget (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt P Kohnen (Ger), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. Quarter-finals: R Krajicek (Holl) bt A Medvevev (Ukr), 6-4, 7-6; Masur bt P Korda (Cz), scr; Becker bt W Ferreira (SA), 7-6, 7-5.

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-2, 6-4; I Lendl bt J Grabb, 6-4, 7-6; M Chang bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-2, 6-1. D Rostagno bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): A Gavaldon (Mex) bt B Bowes, 6-2, 7-5; P Fendick bt E Reinach (SA), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; Z Garrison-Jackson bt S Cacic, 6-4, 6-0; N Provis (Aus) bt M Bollegraf (Holl), 6-2, 6-4.

PARIS: Women's tournament: Second round: J Novotna (Cz) bt N van Lottum (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; K Kschwendt (Ger) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt N Feber (Bel), 6-0, 6-0; J Halard (Fr) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-4, 6-1. M Navratilova (US) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-0, 6-2. Quarter-finals: Martinez bt Kschwendt, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Novotna bt N Tauziat (Fr), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2.

EASTBOURNE: Remington family championships: Father and son: Final: P and M Slater (Worcs) bt D and S Lloyd (Surrey), 7-5, 7-5. Mother and daughter: Final: Y and S Durham (Sussex) bt E and A Joy (Avon), 6-1, 6-2.

MANCHESTER: LTA satellite tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: L Barthez (Fr) bt A Richardson (Lincoln), 7-6, 6-3; M Pelchey (Loughton) bt P Pambianco (It), 6-3, 6-4; F Cousin (Fr) bt P Hand (Berks), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; A Foster (Staffs) bt F Saiberberg (Br), 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

WHY DID SCOTTISH RUGBY NEED A FAST BOWLER?



Mystery still surrounds Ian Scott Smith. "The Flying Scotsman" sped to a world record number of international tries between 1924 and 1933. But why he particularly chose to give the Scottish Rugby Museum a bowler hat, as worn by early referees, no-one seems to know. A bowler. From one of Scotland's fastest caps. Whatever the reason, The Royal Bank of Scotland is happy to applaud individuality. And the ability to score numerous tries for Scotland. We are proud to be supporting the Internationals at Murrayfield once again this year.

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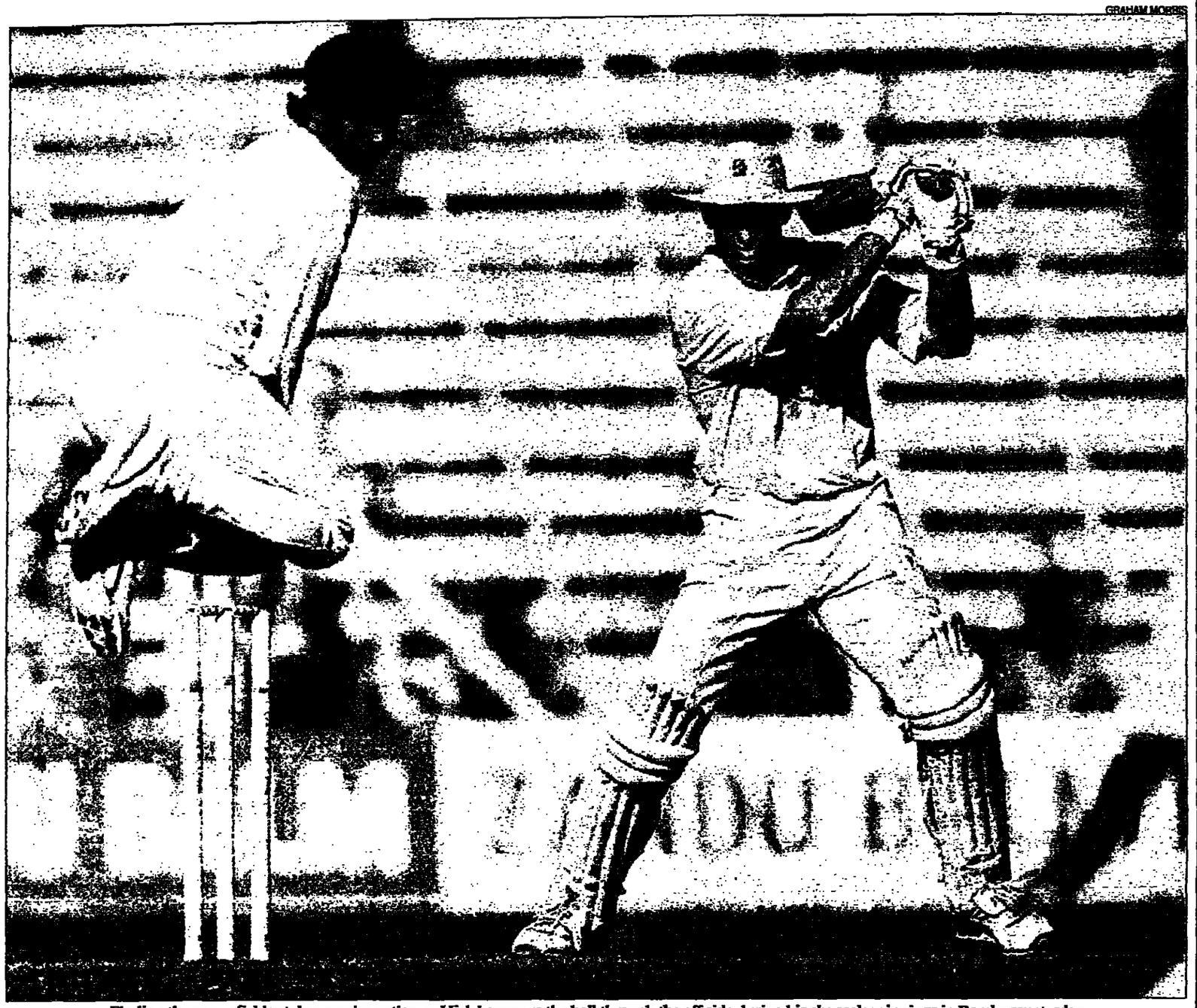
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WHY RUGBY'S SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE IRISH

Brilliant unbeaten 99 turns tables on India in third Test match

Hick keeps England in hunt

GRAHAM MORRIS



Finding the gap: a fielder takes evasive action as Hick hammers the ball through the off side during his chanceless innings in Bombay yesterday

FROM PETER BALL IN BOMBAY

A MAGNIFICENT undefeated 99 by Graeme Hick restored England to respectability here yesterday after a calamitous start to the third and final Test match. England finished the first day on 239 for seven, unimaginable riches when they collapsed to 118 for six soon after lunch.

Should Hick complete his first Test hundred this morning, the 68th first-class century of his career, it will have taken him 14 Tests to do so. But on yesterday's evidence, the wait will have been worthwhile.

If he goes on to score as prolifically in the Test arena as he has in county cricket, he will rarely play a better or more valuable innings for his country.

"We needed an innings like that," Keith Fletcher, the manager, said, delighted at the prospect of Hick breaking through as an England batsman. "He just needs to get confidence. You can score as many runs as you like in county cricket, but you have still got to prove to yourself that you can do it at Test level.

"I'd like to see him go on and get a big hundred, because it would do him the world of good. And if he does start scoring runs, we really have got a fine cricketer, because he is an outstanding catcher and a good off spinner."

At a time of supreme need, Hick came to England's rescue with a virtually faultless display on a turning wicket against Indian spinners with their tails up. He batted for 249 minutes without giving a chance, using his feet well, killing the spin assuredly and punishing the loose ball severely.

Only Michael Atherton, who shared a stand of 58, and Chris Lewis, who again batted excellently as he helped Hick add 93 for the seventh wicket, looked remotely as comfortable as England's deficiencies on a turning wicket were again exposed. Robin Smith and Richard Blakey, in for Neil Fairbrother, looked out of their depth, and even Mike Gatting seems less certain against spin.

The suspicion that winning the toss might not be as much of an advantage as in the previous Tests was quickly proved. The wicket took spin from the moment Kumble and Raju appeared after 12 overs of seam. By then, England were already toiling and things rapidly worsened.

Graham Gooch was adjudged caught behind, trudging back to the pavilion reluctantly. But if Gooch was unhappy, Stewart was furious after a farcical run-out.

England's vice-captain had started well but his eagerness to disrupt the spinners by taking quick singles got the better of him as he pushed a ball from Kumble into the covers and set off for a run. Atherton rightly refused as Tendulkar swooped, but Stewart carried on running to join Atherton at the bowler's end.

To compound the error, Tendulkar's throw to the wicketkeeper was wild. Amre, backing up, initially failed to gather the ball, and scrambled frantically as the batsmen glared at each other. Had Stewart tried to recover his ground he might have done so. But he stayed at the bowler's end, and Amre finally threw down the wicket. Stewart waited for the umpire to decide which batsman should depart, and left in high dudgeon.

That dismissal typified a struggling team, and for the rest of the morning England fulfilled that gloomy prognosis. Smith was bemused by Raju and went quickly, beaten by turn.

Gatting began as if he intended to bring some stability. He could not resist hitting against the spin, however, and after surviving one grotesque sweep against the left-hander he attempted to turn another ball that was leaving him to leg and edged it to slip.

That brought Hick to join Atherton, who had been batting with customary organisation and intelligence, using his feet to get forward, and for a time things steadied. They seemed secure until Atherton did well to keep a ball from Kumble down and wide of slip, only to lob a simple catch to mid-on next ball.

Blakey came and went immediately, and at 118 for six, the policy of playing an extra batsman seemed flawed. But the impressive Hick found someone to stay with him. Lewis again showing that there was little to fear from the Indian spinners for anyone prepared to get to the pitch of the ball.

If it was not as exciting an innings as his century in Madras, it was a testimony to his responsibility in testing circumstances. If he continues in this vein, he will become the all-rounder England desperately want him to be.

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England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c More b Kapil Dev — *Faint edge to wicketkeeper*	4	—	—	27	19
A J Stewart run out — *Mix-up up over short single*	13	—	1	57	43
M A Atherton c Prabhakar b Kumble — *Mistimed drive to deep mid-on*	37	—	3	147	113
R A Smith c More b Raju — *Low sharp catch off inside edge and pad*	2	—	—	9	6
M W Gatting c Kapil Dev b Raju — *Caught at first slip — turning ball to leg*	23	—	3	39	45
G A Hick not out	99	—	10	249	189
†R J Blakey lbw b Kumble — *Beaten in flight*	1	—	—	7	11
C C Lewis lbw b Kumble — *Playing back to quicker ball*	49	—	5	116	112
J E Emburey not out	5	—	1	53	57
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 1)	6				
Total (7 wkts, 361 min, 99 overs)	239				

P A J DeFreitas and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Stewart 6), 2-25 (Atherton 7), 3-30 (Atherton 9), 4-58 (Atherton 14), 5-116 (Hick 32), 6-118 (Hick 33), 7-211 (Hick 77).

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 6-2-10-1; Prabhakar 6-2-14-0 (nb 1) (one spell each); Raju 37-8-80-2 (23-6-53-2, 8-0-19-0, 6-2-8-0); Kumble 30-2-77-3 (8-0-20-0, 10-0-38-2, 12-2-19-1); Chauhan 20-5-53-0 (7-2-25-0, 9-2-18-0, 4-1-10-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50: 102min, 26.1 overs. Lunch 62-4 (Atherton 16, Hick 0, in 31 overs). 100: 158min, 42.2 overs. 150: 213min, 56.3 overs. Tea 176-6 (Hick 57, Lewis 34, in 64 overs). 200: 285min, 77.3 overs.

Hick 50: 112 min, 79 balls, seven fours.

INDIA: M Prabhakar, N S Sidhu, V G Kambli, S R Tendulkar, *M Azharuddin, P K Amre, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Kumble, R K Chauhan, S L V Raju.

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

Results of previous Tests in three-match series: Jan 29-Feb 2: Calcutta: India won by 8 wickets. Feb 11-15: Madras: India won by an innings and 22 runs.

Premier League raises glass to record £12m sponsorship

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

THE FA Premier League yesterday secured the most lucrative sponsorship contract in British sporting history when it agreed a four-year £12 million deal with Bass, the brewer. The previous biggest was Embassy's seven-year £11 million tie-up with snooker.

From August, the competition will be known as the FA Carling Premier League — Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, is the producer of the lager, Carling Black Label.

Last year, a group of eight Premier League clubs banded together to block a £10 million Bass sponsorship on three separate occasions because they felt it would cause conflict of interest involving their own individual agreements with breweries.

Liverpool has a contract with Carlsberg, Nottingham Forest with Labatts, Tottenham Hotspur with Holsten and Blackburn Rovers with McEwans. Their teams wear shirts emblazoned with their sponsor's name but, from next season, they will have to incorporate a Bass/Premier League logo.

After a gathering of the Premier League chairman in London yesterday, it was decided that a collective £3 million a year, which guarantees each club £137,000 a season, was too good an offer to turn down.

Liverpool and Forest voiced misgivings — they are concerned that the deal will jeopardise their chances of renewing individual contracts — but the meeting lasted just minutes and the issue was not even put to a vote.

Rick Parry, the Premier League's chief executive, said: "This conflict of interests was obviously an issue for some clubs but Bass are happy for rival brewers to continue individual sponsorships.

"If any other brewer wants to sign a new sponsorship deal, they will also be welcome. Bass have made it clear they will do nothing to compromise individual agreements or cause breach of contracts."

The Bass contract is subject to ratification by the FA Council, which meets on March 8, but that will merely be a rubber-stamping operation. Bass already sponsor the Scottish Cup through their Tennents label and the rugby League championship via Stones bitter.

Parry said: "Bass's commitment shows faith in the Premier League's ability to lead football into a new era. Of course Liverpool and other clubs with brewery sponsors are concerned. But we are all grown-ups and believe we can make it work. There is a spirit of co-operation and unity."

The agreement marks a personal triumph for Parry, who has coaxed the chairmen into coming around to the idea of a central sponsorship. "I'm delighted to have secured it at long last," he said. "The cash will be helpful for clubs faced with ground improvement bills."

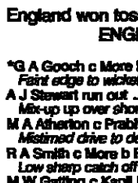
Parry has also averted the threat of the so-called "Platinum Eight" clubs, who were originally opposed to the Bass deal and formed their own rebel breakaway group. The eight, led by Liverpool, have already signed a £300,000 per club agreement with Dorna, a perimeter advertising firm.

Sir John Quinton, the Premier League chairman, said: "If the Platinum Eight ever existed, I don't think they do now." The value of the contract highlights the extent to which football sponsorship has grown over the past ten years. In 1983, when the Football League signed its first such deal with Canon, it was worth £3.3 million for three years and involved 92 clubs. A decade on, Bass has paid almost four times as much for one division.

Cricket, in which Cornhill Insurance has invested £3.2 million in backing Test matches for its present two-year contract, is not in the same league.

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Big day in the testing life of a gentle bully



SIMON BARNES
At the Bombay Test

I wonder what Graeme Hick's dreams were like last night. Or if he was asleep long enough to have any. To be marooned overnight on 99 would discompose a man with the hide of Ian Botham. For Hick, whose sensitivities and gentle nature have been revealed innings by painful innings, this is the stuff of nightmares.

All the same, in a strange and surreal kind of way — you don't often get other kinds of way in India — yesterday was a colossal day for Hick. At least he became, without a shadow of a doubt, the dominating figure in a full day of Test cricket. In conditions that tested both skill and temperament, Hick stood firm, the runs came.

This innings was not impish, or joyful, or breathtaking, or sparkling. It was a strange mismash. It began in poking clumsiness — there is always something woeful about a big man pinned down by spin. A banner in the crowd hailed "India's three-prawn spin attack". England and Hick had had a bellyful of them well before lunch, which was taken at 62 for four, with Hick yet to score.

Hick has become incapable of playing his natural game. He has changed his approach and his technique, his tactics and his strategy so many times that he cannot sustain the role he played so comfortably in his long years of waiting with Worcestershire.

These days, he can only block like a neurotic or wallop the ball in wild overcompensation. He is either a miser or a sailor on shore leave. The middle way has been lost to him. After lunch, and a further period of poking and worrying, he launched a sudden and bewildering counter-attack — three successive fours were cracked away with relish. He then hit each spinner in turn over the top. For a second, it seemed that we were in for a classic counter-attacking innings.

But two more wickets fell, and the moment was lost. Lewis and Hick — two problem boys, both picked more in hope than expectation, time after time — then took the game into the strangest period of a strange day.

Both settled into a rhythm of controlled passivity, as if lulled by the passive captaincy of Azharuddin. The spinners spun, the batsmen quietly fed on long trotted singles, the sun began to sink, and it seemed as if nobody would be out again, ever.

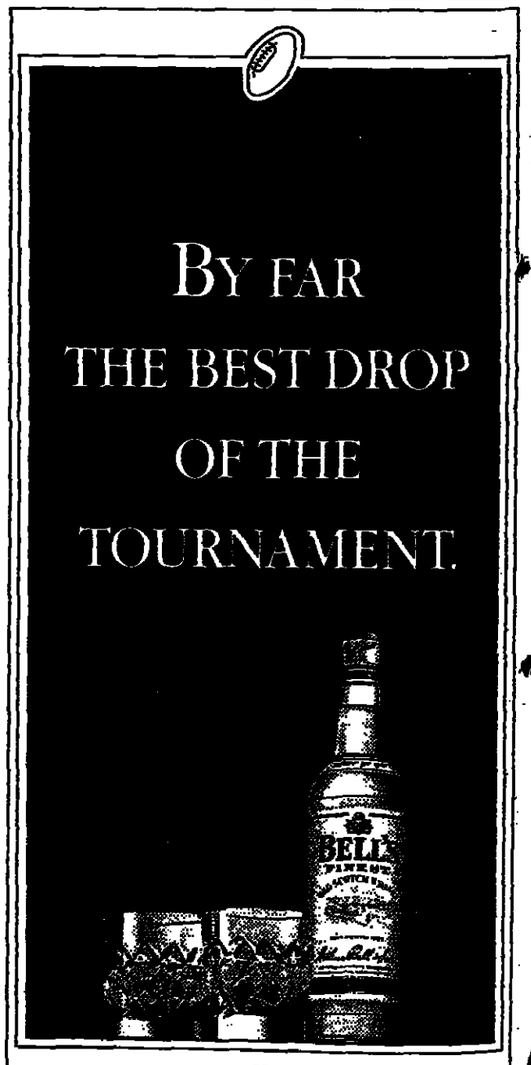
As if in a dream, Hick continued his longest and most effective Test innings. The mood of gentleness was not broken until Lewis was out on 49 — this was a day of missed milestones.

Poor Hick. The dreaded figure drew ever closer, single by painful, trotted single. In the final extraordinary half-hour, anxiety dominated once again. The day's bizarre conclusion was inevitable. Can you imagine Botham getting into such a position? That reprobate would have hit the last ball of the day for six, or at least have been out trying. But there is no swagger about Hick, no theatre, no love of style.

He is the classic heavy-batsman. Every booming drive excites admiration rather than exhilaration. I wonder if the promised bucket of runs will now materialise, and whether Hick's first big innings is the first of many. Did yesterday at last burst the dam?

Hick is a quiet chap from a quiet place, a small town man from Zimbabwe. He has established for himself a record of sinking to the big occasion. He was comprehensively sorted out by the West Indian quick bowlers and later memorably reviled by John Bracewell, the New Zealand off-spinner, as "a flat track bully". He was a man who had lost himself.

He had tried everything, including a sports psychologist. He has talked about things with surprising honesty. It was clear that there only two things wrong with his batting — his inability to play fast bowling, and his inability to play slow bowling. But somehow a sense of bewildered disbelief seems to have kept him going. I wonder where this gentle bully will go next.



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Life, the universe and me

In extracts from his new book, **Timothy Ferris** offers titbits from the tapas bar of the science world



Comet catastrophes

COMETS are agents not only of life but of death. It seems that something (a companion star, perhaps) periodically sends squadrons of comets plunging into the inner solar system, where they subject the Earth to a mighty pelting. Such is the prevalent explanation of what caused the massive extinction events that dot the fossil record, recording grim episodes when as many as nine tenths of all living species disappeared more or less overnight (that is, in geological time, over thousands rather than millions of years).

If so, comets present us with a morality tale about how the same event can seem very different from two points of view. The catastrophe that wiped out the dinosaurs looks relatively cheerful. It made way for our ancestors to evolve, and thus granted us dominion over our planet. But now that we rule, we seek no further visitations by celestial doom. An alarmed Nasa is thinking of arming missiles to push threatening comets off course, lest the world be transformed anew.



Inner and outer space

ALL that we can ever comprehend of the universe must reside within our minds. That's the human condition, and the predicament of every other intelligent being in the universe, too. You may be a city-sized squid so smart that you can compose a symphony and balance the galactic budget before breakfast, but your conception of the universe will of necessity always dwell within your mind.

This means, of course, that one's model of the universe is smaller — lesser, in some sense — than the reality.

But that's not such a bad thing. Models by definition are lesser than the reality they represent. The amazing thing is not that mental models of nature are flawed or diminutive, but that they work at all. The equations of Kepler, Newton and Einstein really do account for the trajectories of the Moon and the Andromeda galaxy. Nobody knows why this should be so.

Nanotechnology

IN the age of steamships and skyscrapers engineers learnt to think big. Now, in the age of the microchip and genetic engineering, they're learning to think *very small*. Researchers in nanotechnology (from *nanos*, Greek for dwarf) dream of constructing powerful computers smaller than a living cell and machines smaller than a virus.

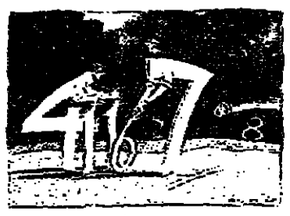
Molecular-scale "nanosubs" assembled from individual atoms could clear clogged arteries, break down cancer-causing oncogenes, clean up oil spills, or comb the upper atmosphere for pollutants. The applications are almost limitless.

Preliminary work indicates that nanotechnology may indeed be feasible. Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, have built a working motor smaller in diameter than a human hair, equipped with rotating arms the size of blood cells. Researchers at IBM have managed to manipulate individual xenon atoms. But many difficulties remain. Molecules are floppy — to press them into service as bearings and gear teeth will require the skills of a lathe operator combined with those of a weaver — and heat makes them jitter more violently than an auto-assembly plant in an earthquake.

Perhaps here, as in aeronautics, navigation, and many other varieties of engineering, answers will be found by studying how nature does the job. Living cells, after all, are equipped with simple nanomachines (proteins) controlled by computer-like molecules (DNA). In an embryo they build from the bottom up, starting with a single cell that replicates and differentiates until the result is a mushroom, a dolphin or a human being. Our grandchildren may employ similar technology to grow computers, surgical implements, buildings and spaceships.

The mathematics of games

ILLOGICAL is the interaction of game players' minds with the inflexible laws of mathematical



probability. Most of us believe, for instance, in winning streaks, yet mathematicians studying sports records conclude that there is no such thing. This is true even in player-influenced games such as cricket and basketball, where we might expect that players who believe in winning streaks might do better when they think they're on one. Even more illusory, therefore, must be the widespread supposition that winning streaks exist in games such as roulette, where the player cannot influence the outcome.

Yet few of us accept these facts. Except for professional gamblers, who prosper at the gaming tables but tend to find them boring (it's all so predictable if you know the odds), most of us prefer to go on believing in the magical notion that each can be visited by intervals of good luck.

And that is why the owners of the Flamingo, the first big casino to open in Las Vegas, realised a $10 billion profit on a $6 million investment.

Robot servants

BACK when computers first came on the scene, scientists and sci-fi writers alike assumed that they would soon be put to work as the electronic brains of household robots. It didn't work out that way.

Computers have proved adept at handling abstract challenges such as flying spaceships, playing chess and solving quadratic equations, but housework is too hard.

It seems that scientists at first underrated the amount of brain power required to carry out physical acts. More recently they have begun to appreciate that actions are governed by higher-brain centres, just as is abstract thought, and are dauntingly complex. Speech itself, arguably the hallmark of human intelligence, appears to be processed by the brain as but one among many complex sequences of actions — one that may have arisen in response to selection pressures involving the throwing of spears and stones.

Janitors, house movers, athletes and many other practitioners of what academics once looked down on as merely physical tasks are accomplishing what no computer — not even the giant machines that can beat professors at chess — has yet begun to master.

An eye on the heavens

EVERYTHING we see belongs to the past.

Because light travels quickly — 186,000 miles per second — we



seldom notice the delay locally, but it becomes more important as we look out into space. Light from Jupiter takes 35 minutes to reach us when that giant planet is nearest to Earth, and nearly an hour when they are farthest apart. This affects the observed timing of eclipses of Jupiter's moons. As the Earth moves in its orbit around the Sun, it sometimes approaches Jupiter and sometimes recedes from it. If we are moving towards Jupiter, by the time the second of a pair of eclipses takes place, the light has less distance to travel and the eclipse therefore is seen early; when the Earth is moving away from Jupiter, the second of a pair of eclipses seems to be late. It was by observing eclipses that the 17th-century Danish astronomer Olaus Römer first estimated the velocity of light.

We see galaxies as they looked millions of years ago, and quasars — the furiously burning cores of young galaxies — as they were billions of years in the past. The whole tapestry of cosmic history awaits our inspection. All we have to do to see better is to build more powerful telescopes.

Time travel

THEORISTS tilling the fertile gardens of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity tell us that time travel may indeed be possible — not here in the ordinary world, where journeys into the past would violate fundamental laws of science and logic, but in the netherworld that lurks within the black holes. There, on the slopes of steeply curving space, one might find "spacetime loops" spun in such a fashion that an astronaut who dived into one would emerge in the past.

The American physicist J. Richard Gott III, working with a conjecture first published by Kip Thorne, described such a scenario. "If you fell into a black hole you'd look for a closed time-like curve, because entering one would forestall your doom," Gott remarked. "If you made your way to an entrance you'd see, say, 11 copies of yourself. The first version of yourself might say, 'I've been around once,' the second, 'I've been around twice,' and so on. You plunge into the loop, fly around it, and return to see yourself entering the black hole. Wanting to be helpful, you cry out, 'I've been around once.' You're now the first image of yourself that you saw when you entered. After another trip, again encountering your original self, you call out, 'I've been around twice.' And so on, until, after 11 times around, you leave the loop, only to be killed a short time later when you crash into the singularity at the centre of the black hole."

Gaia: planetary medicine

IN the words of its originator, the British chemist James E. Lovelock, the Gaia hypothesis (named for the Greek goddess of the Earth) maintains "that the entire range of living matter on Earth, from whales to viruses, can be regarded as a single entity, capable of manipulating its environment to suit its needs". This is certainly a provocative idea, one that among many other things suggests that any species that insults the biosphere — us, for instance — may expect to be rejected by it, or to be damped down in something like the way that an oyster isolates an intruding speck of sand by entombing it in a pearl.

But Gaia also leads to talk of "managing" the planet, and if we are to do that we shall have to learn a great many hard lessons, and swiftly.

The losers, if we fail, will not be life on Earth — the biosphere as a whole remains far beyond our powers of destruction — but ourselves. The situation thus harbours a delicious if dangerous symmetry. It implies that we are likely to get exactly what we deserve.

● *Professor Ferris teaches astronomy at the University of California, Berkeley. The Universe and Eye, text by Timothy Ferris, illustrations by Ingram Pinn, is published by Pavilion Books on March 4, price £9.99.*

This isn't narcissism, it's the real thing



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

I tended to believe most of what Michael Jackson said in his Oprah Winfrey interview, even though he also said, "That's the craziest story I've ever, ever heard in my whole, whole life" at least three times about three different rumours which Oprah put to him to verify.

So I did believe him when he said it had only taken two small plastic surgery operations to transform him from the boy he was before into a sort of *copy* of Diana Ross. After all, egotism being what it is, Michael probably idolised Diana in the first place because he knew at the back of his mind that he already looked like her.

In the world of romance, looking like someone or like a member of their immediate family is one of the most reliable indicators that marriage will shortly result. People can't help mistaking these waves of unconscious narcissism for *coups de foudre*. And it is just as well that they can't. Lookalike marriages are usually the most stable and happiest of all, regardless of the couple's ostensible incompatibility.

There are variations of the syndrome. Some people have affairs with a sequence of men or women who do not look like them but look exactly the same as each other. Perhaps they represent favourite aunts or grandfathers. I certainly have an inexplicable attraction to thin, bald men with glasses, and many crusty old quinquagenarians who trade their wives in often go for a version of the same model, only 30 years younger.

My own friend Camilla had a boyfriend who, after they had split up amicably, had a miraculous talent for producing girl after girl who looked just like her. Camilla complained that each time she ran into her former suitor accompanied by one of these lookalikes, it was "like seeing versions of myself in a fairground mirror".

Dave himself was reluctant to acknowledge the similarities — indeed, he used to go all peculiar and refuse to discuss them.

Unconscious narcissism permeates all levels of social interaction, including ordinary friendship, teenage crushes, and schoolgirl pashes. When I was about 15, there was a younger girl at school who admired me — probably because she already looked very like me. She grew her hair into the same style as mine and even copied the affectation I had developed of walking with my right hand held in a stupid dangling position.

Needless to say, I was thrilled by this tribute. "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," I remarked to my best friend, as we all marched out of school one day, Christine on the other side of the road with her hand dangling.

"Don't flatter yourself," retorted my friend. "She doesn't look a bit like you, and she isn't trying to." At that moment my father's car pulled to a halt on the other side of the road and he opened the door to give Christine a lift home.

Narcissism also affects the cinematic role models you aspire to or identify with. You only have to examine the queue outside a Woody Allen movie to see an embarrassing number of weedy and intellectual-looking men with glasses waiting to get in.

The same applies to rock stars, and sometimes even second best will do. It must have been both a boon and a curse for the man I used to see walking up and down the King's Road, Chelsea, who looked exactly like Rod Stewart. Clearly he had taken the decision that he should make the most of it and dressed like Rod and looked shiftily around him as though worried about being recognised. One saw him every so often entering nightclubs in the early hours with foreign-looking girls, their faces flushed with almost hysterical excitement as they came in "with Rod Stewart". I often wondered what happened when they found out, or was it enough that strangers had thought them to be "with Rod Stewart"?

Of course, you have to be familiar with the type in order to recognise it in the first place. I was once walking through an alley in Soho at lunchtime and saw, as though in a hallucination, that it was completely full of muscly youths with earrings, sleeveless denim jackets, leather trousers and waist-length hair. They were queuing outside a ticket office. "What are those people?" I asked my companion, seven years younger than me. "Bon Jovi fans," she said matter of factly.

I am just as suggestible and was easily tricked when a smirking friend asked me a few years ago to name my favourite film star.

I thought for a moment, then, inwardly congratulating myself on having rejected Catherine Deneuve, said: "Well, I know she's not the most beautiful, but she is the funniest I think — Goldie Hawn."

My friend laughed triumphantly. "You know you can ask any girl who her favourite film star is and she will always give herself away by saying the one she thinks that she is most like. It's a test."

"Really," said my friend Emma, when I reported this to her. "I'd have expected you to choose Dame Margaret Rutherford."

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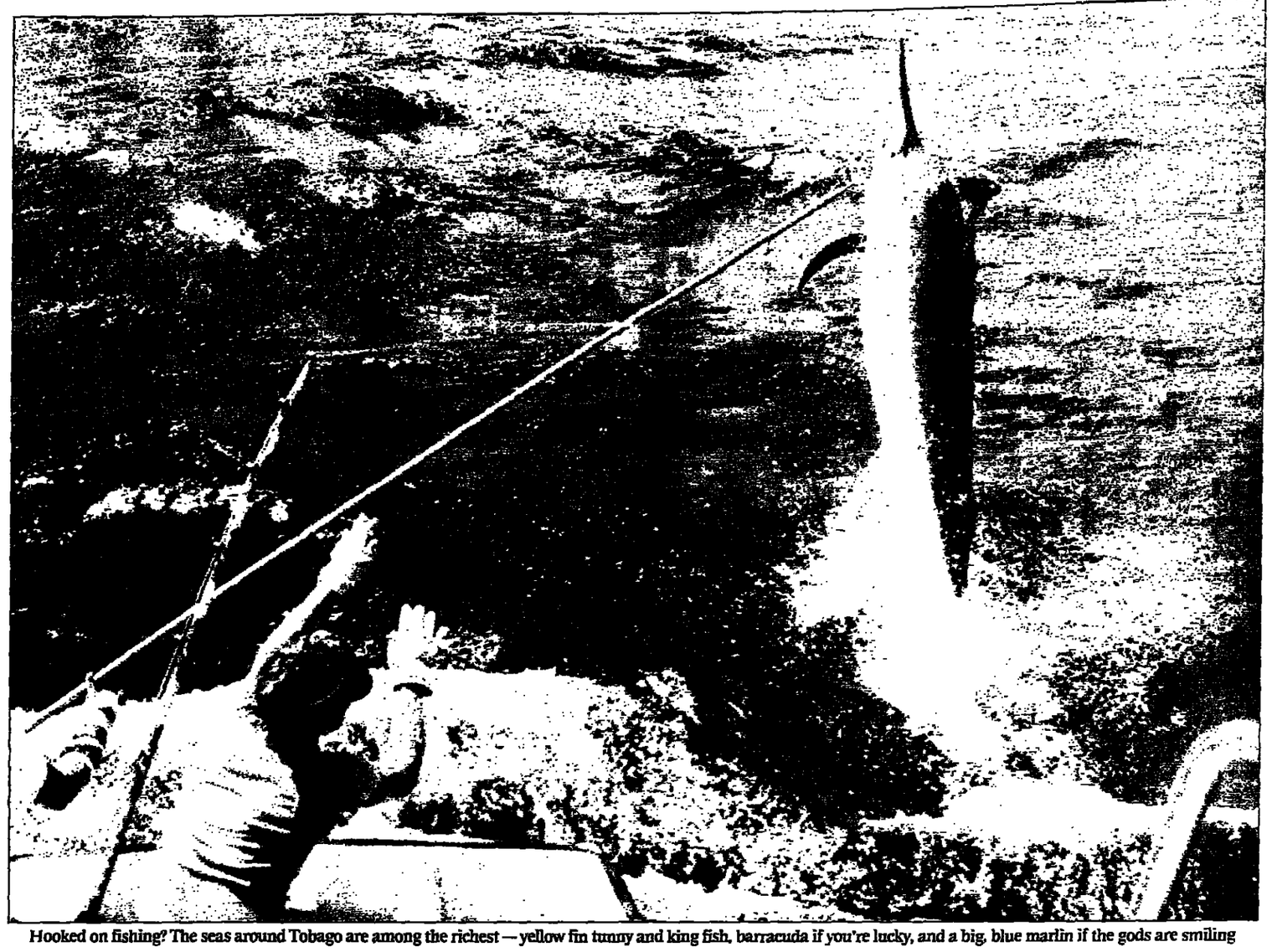
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Footsteps in the sand

Tobago has never wooed tourists in great numbers, but the island is every bit the paradise where Daniel Defoe's castaway found peace. James MacManus reports



GEOFGETTE DOUWMA

Hooked on fishing? The seas around Tobago are among the richest — yellow fin tunny and king fish, barracuda if you're lucky, and a big, blue marlin if the gods are smiling

Tobago is the Cinderella of the Caribbean, an island long treated with contempt by its ugly, governing sister, Trinidad, and excluded from the tourist boom of the 1980s that enriched neighbours to the north, such as Barbados. Unlike Barbados, there is no nightlife on Tobago. When the sun goes down there's little else to do but drink rum punch, look at the stars and listen to the sea.

This is one reason why those who have discovered this quiet and gentle island keep going back. The whole Caribbean was like this 30 years ago, before lengthened runways and wide-body jets brought in hordes of whey-faced northerners desperate for a mid-winter break.

> 'It's idyllic . . . for those with young children, this is the place'

The population of about 40,000 genuinely welcomes visitors because they pose no threat to the slow, pleasurable lifestyle or the luxuriant landscape. As a result, there is virtually no crime on Tobago. A fisherman there boasted to me last month that a woman could ride a bicycle the 28 miles length of the island in the middle of the night without risking anything worse than a puncture.

Unlike the ethnic cocktail in Trinidad, the local population is almost purely of African descent, and seems to have the confidence that a strong sense of identity confers. There is none of the resentment of wealthy tourists that is creeping in elsewhere in the Caribbean.

A drive north from the airport at Crown Point, through plantations of palm trees and up along the central spine of hills — crowned with the largest rainforest in the Caribbean — shows you how lucky this island has been. The beauty is breathtaking. There are no tourist "facilities", villa developments or holiday apartment blocks.

Ill served by its airline (BWIA) and a bankrupt Trinidadian government, Tobago never had a chance of becoming a mass tourist destination. Only one luxury hotel has been built on the island in the last 20 years. The number of visitors remains steady at 40,000 a year, while Barbados clocks in 600,000.

If all this sounds rather too good to be true, I can only urge you to see for yourself. Daniel Defoe never visited Tobago, but he drew on reports of the early English and French colonisers to create the setting for *Robinson Crusoe*. The island still has that sense of idyllic innocence. And the price of Crusoe's paradise can be very reasonable. Friends with a ten-year-old boy and ten-month-old baby took a two-room package deal with Kuoni at the Turtle Beach hotel for 13 nights half-board in January, flight included, at £2,300. This hotel is 20 minutes from the airport and slung in a long, two-storey structure between palm trees on a two-mile long beach.

Here, the fishermen pull in their nets every afternoon, there's a beach bar where you can watch pelicans scoop fish from the sea as the sun and the excellent local beer go down. Swimming is safe, except when the surf's up. For those with young children this is the place.

The Turtle Beach is a simple hotel, with clean, air-conditioned rooms all facing the beach. The food should be better, given the abundance of fish and fresh fruit, but a couple of high-powered rum punches mitigates this problem.

There are two secrets that will make a holiday in Tobago. The first is to hire a car and use it both to explore the island and escape the hotel cooking. Most hotels are on the western side of the island, where the Caribbean sea is calm and warm. But the Atlantic side is wilder and more beautiful.

A trip north from the delightful shambles of the capital, Scarborough, takes you along the west coast to Charlotteville. This fishing village has a guest house, a good beach and a restaurant, Jemma's Seaview Kitchen, serving grilled kingfish and local beer for £4.

On the way back, drop in at Tobago's most fashionable hotel, the Blue Waters Inn, at Speyside, where a double room costs about £40 a night, without meals. Then skip the coast road and drive up into the rainforest and explore a dozen villages that line the crest of the ridge back to Scarborough.

The second secret is to do the obvious things, however touristy they sound. Go to the much-hyped Pigeon Point beach, walk to the end of the tiny, thatched jetty that features in every rum ad you've ever seen, open a beer and talk fish and politics with the locals. Then sign up for a trip to the reef in a glass-bottomed boat. It's fun and, at £6 for two hours, not a budget breaker.

The fishing off Tobago is better than anywhere else in the Caribbean, so it's crazy not to try it. Ring Iain Milne on 639 0078 (0101 809 from UK) and book his 32ft, six-person boat, Albatross, for a morning's fishing at about £140 (or £240 for the day). He supplies rods, reels, bait and soft drinks. The hotel will give you sandwiches and anti sea-sickness pills.

Mr Milne is a celebrated figure in Tobago, where he is universally known as Wabba, a childhood nickname which has something to do with his inability to roll an "r". He is also a remarkable fisherman. The Albatross is packed with electronic fish-finding equipment. You will catch yellow fin tunny and king fish for sure, barracuda if you're lucky, and a big blue marlin if the gods are smiling and the shade of Ernest Hemingway is not too far over the cosmic horizon.

If you're the kind of fisherman who likes to keep land in sight, Wabba will fish the shallows during a two-hour run from your hotel to any one of 100 desolate beaches around the north of the island. The catch is grilled on the beach over a driftwood fire and served with a squeeze of lime juice. And there won't be a soul in sight.

Take a swig from a bottle of premixed punch, lie back and open a copy of *Robinson Crusoe*. It's an even better read here.

Tobago fact file

☐ **Packages** from Caribbean Connections (0244 341131).

☐ **Hotels: Turtle Beach** (639 2851: code from UK is 0101 809): Best bet for families. Cost: 14 nights, room only, £832 per person (inc. flights) May 3-July 9 £1,056 April 1-12). Half-board £29 a night extra.

Grafton Beach (639 0191): Latest luxury hotel. Good beach. Cost: 14 nights, room only, £868 per person (inc. flights) April 16-July 9 £1,139 April 1-12). Half-board £39 a night extra.

☐ **Other hotels: Mount Irvine** (639 8871) used to be *the* hotel on the island. Cost: 14 nights, room only, BA flight, from £1,153; half-board £36 a night extra.

Arnos Vale (639 2881): Good food. Small, pleasant beach, nice atmosphere. Cost: 13 nights, room only. £729, room only. April 11-June 26 and August 22-September 25 with Thomson (081-200 8733). Half-board supplement £31 a night extra.

Blue Waters Inn, Speyside (660 4341): Good for divers. Cost: winter — 14 nights £1,321, room only. BA flight (£125 less with BWIA). Summer — £1,060 with BA, £115 less with BWIA. Half-board supplement £21 a night extra. Harlequin Travel (0708 852780)

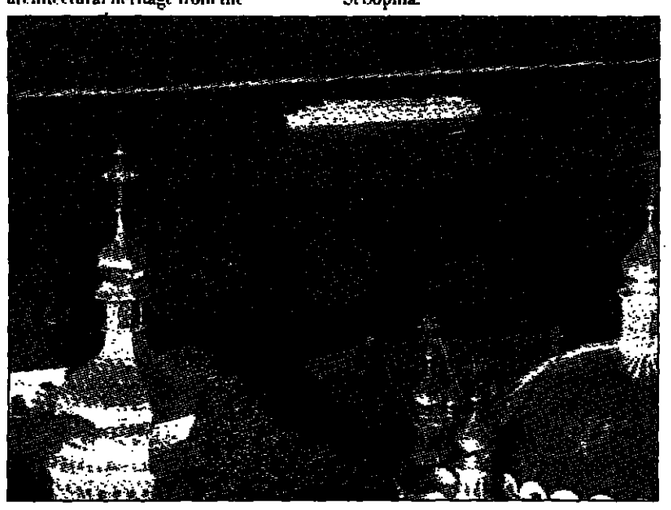
Arthur's by the Sea (639 0196): Ideal for backpacking island hoppers. Air-conditioned rooms for about £12 a night. No meals.

☐ **Car hire:** Make sure the car has good tyres and full insurance. Air-conditioning helps. Rans Rattan (639 8271), near the airport, gives a discount to readers of *The Times* (inc. cost is about £20 a day).

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DAY 2 Morning flight to Kiev arriving at lunchtime. Drive to the MS Glushkov and embark. Afternoon visit to the Cathedral of St Sophia and the Cathedral of St Andrew. Moor overnight in Kiev.

DAY 3 Morning visit to Pecherskaya Lavre monastery including the museum and Scythian gold artefacts and jewellery. Afternoon free. Sail in the evening.

DAY 4 Kharev Arrive in the morning. This is one of the oldest cities in the Ukraine. The great Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko is buried here atop Taras Hill. See the Shevchenko Litary Memorial Museum and explore the city on foot. Sail in the afternoon.

DAY 5 Kremenchug Morning arrival in this city known for its parks, gardens and riverside beaches. Visit the Museum of History and Local Lore and stroll through the City Park. Sail in the afternoon.

DAY 6 Dnepropetrovsk Morning arrival. A city of greenery and culture. Amongst its assets are an Opera and Ballet company, a children's theatre, Philharmonic Orchestra and circus. Programmes permitting we will offer a performance. In addition there are a number of museums. Sail in the evening.

DAY 7 New Kakhovka Arrive in the morning. As its name implies is a new city built around a huge dam. It is an interesting and well designed garden city. Later sail to Kherson founded in 1778 as a fortress by Catherine the Great. See St Catherines Cathedral and St Sophia's church. Sail in the evening.

DAY 8 Odessa Arrive in the morning at this important port and resort. Odessa was founded in 1794 on the orders of Catherine the Great following the Russian victory over the Turks. See the famous Potemkin Steps, one of the most impressive sights in town, the Opera House and the ruins of the castle built by Catherine II. Moor overnight in Odessa.

DAY 9 Day free in Odessa until evening departure by train to Kiev.

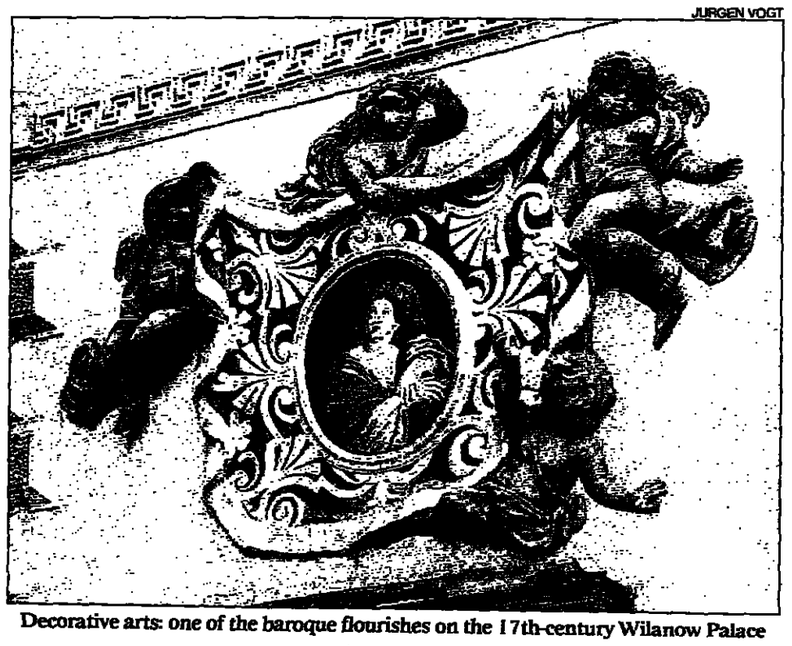
DAY 10 Kiev Arrive in the morning and drive to the centrally located Dnepro hotel or similar for a 2 night stay.

DAY 11 Kiev An opportunity to visit the museums and galleries.

DAY 12 Fly from Kiev to London via Helsinki with Finnair.

Where ghosts are replicas

Warsaw is never free of its past, says Matthew d'Ancona



JURGEN VOGT

Decorative arts: one of the baroque flourishes on the 17th-century Wilanow Palace

Warsaw, a city of bitter uprisings, is rising once again. Four years after democratic reform began, Poland's capital is bracing itself for the influx of dollar-rich visitors and businessmen who will pay for regeneration.

The yearning for change and prosperity is everywhere: in the pages of *The Warsaw Voice*, on the construction sites and in the new shopping precincts. The spectre of capitalism is stalking the ancient city on the Vistula, guiding it towards a future rich with uncertainty.

Old Poland hands grumble that Warsaw is surrendering its bleak charm to the West and that McDonald's and sex shops will wreck the quality of life of its two million citizens. In many parts of the city, communist shabbiness has simply given way to consumerist tack. Yet it will take a lot more than hard currency and hamburgers to shake the national obsession with the past.

In fact, the Poles weave history into every remark. "Here we are in Marshal Jozef Pilsudski Square, named after our national hero," our guide said, as we drove into the heart of the city from the brutalist outskirts. "It used to be called Victory Square under the communists, and Hitler Square before that. And before that? Pilsudski Square!"

The inexorable return of the past is a matter of amusement as well as resignation. Hence, perhaps, the Polish genius for restoration. No weekend in Warsaw is complete without at least an afternoon in the old town, a warren of tall pastel-coloured buildings stretching to the crisp winter sky. At the centre is the market square, where you can buy amber trinkets and beautiful prints of the city. But only after a brief history lesson in the square's museum do you realise that the whole quarter is a miraculous replica, a model of the old town razed by Hitler in 1944 and rebuilt gradually during the communist era.

For this breathtaking exercise in virtual reality, Polish architects used as a blueprint the 18th-century paintings of Bernardo Bellotto, many of which can be seen in the (completely rebuilt) royal palace, reopened in 1981. Visitors don slippers to wander around its sumptuous corridors, lined with portraits of the nation's royalty, through the Jagellonian dynasty to Stanislaw Augustus Poniatowski, Poland's last king (1764-95).

It is as if one has stepped into an oil painting from which the *ancien régime* courtiers have departed only momentarily. What would they have made of the Stalinist palace of culture and science — a Soviet "gift" — which still dominates the city centre?

The royal palace is also a good place for lunch — a mountainous plate of Polish charcuterie or a bowl of *jurek* soup, which seems to have a bit of everything in it. Inevitably, eating out is more of a challenge in Warsaw than in a western city. But it is worth seeking out the better restaurants to try the local cuisine, which varies from the robust to the exquisite. I had the best *borscht* ever in the Hotel Bristol.

The Bristol, which played host in its heyday to the likes of Marlene Dietrich and John F. Kennedy, has been renovated to meet the faxing, brunching and satellite television needs of the 1990s business class. Happily, modernisation has not swept away its brooding, *art nouveau* ambience.

A day trip to Chopin's birthplace at Zelazowa Wola, an hour or so outside Warsaw, is a less arduous option for the weekend visitor. The composer's father, Nicholas, lived in this small house on the estate of the aristocratic Skarbek family, which is now a museum to Poland's national composer, set in a tranquil park.

I was struck by the reverence that the memorial, where regular piano recitals are held, inspires in the Poles. Chopin, a man of Polish birth who made France his home, is a symbol of their links with the west and their cultural resilience. During the second world war, the Nazis brutally suppressed his music and other expressions of national independence.

On the way, our guide mentioned that his own father had been sent to a concentration camp for three years. A visit to Warsaw is more than a breezy slice of tourism: the ghosts of the Holocaust still whisper from each building. But there is hope around every corner in this strange and seductive city.

WEEKEND BREAK

Warsaw weekend

☐ Matthew d'Ancona flew with LOT Polish airlines (071-580 5037). Daily service during the winter, twice daily April-October. Prices from £159.

☐ The Hotel Bristol is a member of Exclusive Hotels of the World by Forte. Price: US$200 (about £140) a night for a single room. Booking through Forte Hotels central reservations (0345 404040).

☐ Other hotels: Victoria Intercontinental, from £109 for single room; Holiday Inn, £111; Forum Intercontinental, £61.

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A sorry tale of shame, cussedness and sheer vandalism

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

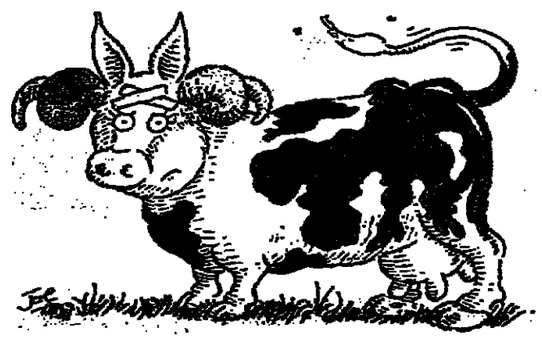
I am taken to task by Mrs Ingham of Cambridge, who writes to tell me that I have let her down. "You introduce us to your beautiful animals to whom we become attached," she writes. "Could we please have a little updating news sometime?"

The answer is no. In fact, in the light of recent behaviour by many of our farm animals, I can hardly bring myself to speak of them. In every nook and cranny of this farmyard there is a creature which, if not hanging its head in shame, should be. Except Alice the Large Black sow. She has every reason to be proud of her latest litter, which was born on Boxing day, but for some reason she clearly wishes they were nothing to do with her. Every time a stranger approaches, she runs to the back of the sty to distance herself from them and give the impression that they might just be some other sow's litter. I blame



Cyril, Alice's latest husband. Unlike her previous beaux, he was not a Large Black. In fact, he could not have been more different: he was a Large White. Alice gamely shared the orchard with her flabby pink lover, but since the fruits of their passion came forth, she has come as near to blushing as a black pig can. And well she might. Her piglets are the oddest creatures I've ever seen. I considered what such a mixed marriage might spawn and thought we might end up with spotty piglets, like dalmatians. But these have the markings of pink pigs dipped in ink. And there is no regular pattern to them. Some are pink all over, except for a black bottom. Others are smoky grey, except for a bright pink ear. One looks like the map of Europe. But it is the shape of their ears which causes me most concern, for I fear they take after their father and have been blessed with upright, pointed ears. Alice's ears, of course, are long and floppy. This puts me at a great disadvantage, for the secret of my success up to now in pig husbandry is entirely due to the pigs' ears covering their eyes. They have not been able to see me coming. This makes feeding easier: they do not mob me, and catching them is less of a race, because I can grab them by the back leg while their sense of smell is still working out where I am. Trouble lies ahead.

As for Sage, the white cow, her shame is there for all to see. Having failed to spot the moment when she



comes on heat, I am now getting desperate. I must get her in calf before the time comes for her to leave the yard and go out to grass for the summer. So I have painted her. I took a thick brush and daubed her rear end with a product delightfully called "Tell-Tail". Were it available for human use, I have no doubt it would be used in evidence in nearly every divorce case. Nothing betrays a passionate interlude like this stuff. It is applied thickly along the cow's back. When she "comes a' bullin' ", as they say round here, the other cattle will mount her, the paint rubs off, and the farmer sends for the bull. But I suspect Sage does not like being daubed with bright blue streaks and, being a clever beast, I would not put it past her to have sent the bullock out to buy another tin of the stuff so she could touch up the original paintwork and conceal her amorous moods from me.

If this were not enough, we have recently lived through a night of violence. The two rams, suffering no doubt from a lack of female company since they were taken from the ewes in mid-September, fought and drew blood. I hardly dare to advise the police on dealing with violent delinquents, but they might like to know that I find that throwing mangel-wurzels at the unruly elements brings them to their senses. And this brings us to the most serious incident, which involves Phoebe, the young sow. I can only describe it as mindless vandalism. Phoebe decided to spend the entire night exercising her energetic snout on the brick wall of the sty.

Pigs have noses of enormous power; I have seen them toss troughs into the air which I have found difficult to lift. Phoebe loosened one brick, then another. Brick after brick cascaded on to the ground. Had Joshua not been available, Phoebe could have seen off the walls of Jericho with no trouble.

So I have that mess to clear up, the rams' wounds to tend, the cow's painted rear to inspect, and an embarrassed sow to cancel. If you wonder, Mrs Ingham, why I do not write of them more often, you have your answer. When I write about seed potatoes, I have at least some illusion of control.

TED DITCHBORN



Long term view: Lord Joicey and his son, James, are working to revive their estate with a mix of occupations, some at Heatherslaw water mill (in the background)

The new battle of Flodden

Faced with a dwindling farm income, Lord Joicey is attracting rural craft businesses to his historic estate. Peter Elson reports

When Lord Joicey wanted to change parking arrangements on his estate in Northumberland for visitors to the battlefield of Flodden, a woman appeared claiming that she was the reincarnation of King James IV of Scotland (who was killed in the battle) and would never sleep again if the work went ahead.

For more prosaic reasons the alterations were shelved, but the 15,000-acre estate, set in the beautiful landscape around the villages of Ford and Etal, near Berwick-upon-Tweed, contains a few other surprises of a more worldly sort. Faced with the problems of a dwindling, ageing and isolated rural population and low agricultural returns, Lord Joicey, aged 68, and his eldest son, James, 39, are undertaking a scheme to revitalise the 1,200-strong community.

By attracting small businesses that are compatible with the countryside and run by people with young families, the Joiceys are creating a year-round demand for shops, pubs, a primary school, a post office and regular bus services. The only proviso is that these new businesses are not dependent on the estate or summer visitors.

The estate is also being promoted to tourists, who appreciate the area's history, wildlife and splendid scenery, which changes from lowland pasture to forest and moorland 1,000ft above sea-level. Visitors help the local economy over the tough winter months.

Lord Joicey, the 4th baron, whose family fortunes were based on Tyneside mining and engineering in the last century, was born and brought up on the estate, which has been in the family since 1907. He took over in 1953, and says: "Originally, we had big, tenanted farms with between 12 and 20 people working on them; now farms are run by one man. Many cottages and barns are not needed.

"Nobody wanted the villages to die, but you need a balanced population to keep the amenities. Income from agriculture is much less than it was. Our ideas evolved gradually, but with conscious planning. The villages are livelier, with more young voices than 30 years ago."

James Joicey moved his wife Harriet, two young children and agricultural translation business from Hampshire 18 months ago to take over the daily management. He says: "Our fundamental philosophy is to keep the communities alive, and I feel I have a responsibility to enhance them. Without us fighting to keep the school open, for example, children would have to travel ten miles.



The Joiceys visit a Victorian day at Lady Waterford Hall

"To survive today you have to know what you are doing, and we are landlords, not shopkeepers. Many people want to move to the countryside, but the new businesses must have good outside markets. Tourism has to work around the farming as I don't want, say, a tractor-man prevented from parking at his door by visitors' cars."

Any person wanting to start a business on the estate must produce a plan which Lord Joicey's agent, Mark Cuddigan, screens for suitability and viability. He says: "When you open a jampot, other flies soon come to join you, but it's no good if they go bust in a year. There's been only one failure. We have a 'softly-softly' approach to bringing in new arrivals to sleepy villages, and the newcomers fit in like gloves."

Control by a single landowner means care can be taken that businesses do not overlap. One joiner deals in hardwood furniture, the other in softwood; one nursery specialises in hardy ornamentals, the other in pot plants; one eating place is a restaurant, the other a tearoom. You can rent a bike to explore the country, or hire a horse.

The Ford & Etal Estate is popular for shooting (wild game and partridges) and fishing (sea trout on the river Till, a tributary of the Tweed). Visitors also come to view Flodden Field, scene of Britain's bloodiest battle in 1513 when the English slew at least 10,000 Scots, and lost 5,000 troops themselves.

Others visit Lady Waterford Hall, the Ford village hall, its interior painted with huge biblical murals by Lady Waterford (a pupil of Ruskin), who used local people as her models. In 1972, Lord Joicey restored the magnificent Heatherslaw water mill, a building dating partly from the 13th century.

Although the villages of Ford and Etal are only about three miles apart, tourism was difficult to pull together as the estate lacked a focus: it is like a stately home without a stately home. Etal Manor is Lord Joicey's private residence and not open to the public, while Ford Castle is let to the county council.

The Joiceys called in Networks, a consultancy run by Elizabeth Anderson, who researched and advised on the estate's tourism potential. The most radical advice was the appointment four years ago of a commercial and marketing manager, Fergus Walters.

Lord Joicey says: "My land agent and I struggled in an amateurish way to cope with visitor demands until my son persuaded me to appoint a professional. I had my doubts at first, but it was a good decision."

Over two decades, visitor numbers have increased eightfold to 80,000 and the estate is almost at saturation point. Mr Waters says: "We believe in access to the countryside and single ownership means that we can centrally control things. However, we have to educate people that the countryside is not a park, but a giant food factory."

● *Ford & Etal Estate attractions are open mainly from Easter until October. Places such as the thatched Black Bull pub, Etal (Northumberland's only thatched pub), are open all year. Details from Fergus Waters, Estates Office, Ford Village, Berwick upon Tweed TD15 2QA.*

Feather report

Sweet melodies of birdland



Woodland drummer: the crowned, male lesser spotted woodpecker

There is a feeling of spring in the woods, with the yellow hazel catkins swinging freely, and the glossy bluebell leaves pushing up through the soil and reflecting the silvery light.

The jackdaws that nest in the old beech trees with ravaged trunks are getting excited. Most of them are paired now, and even as the flock flies away with a chorus of explosive cries, you see that it is loosely broken up into couples. When a pair land on a bare branch at the top of a tree they sit cosily side by side like doves.

Jackdaws like to nest in the deep holes that develop where a branch has been torn off the trunk, and there is a certain amount of fighting going on now over such desirable sites, although they will not start filling them up with sticks until April. They rain sticks down house chimneys sometimes, not realising the bottom is so far below. On the Continent, jackdaws are quite common in towns, always flying noisily round the Duomo in Florence, for instance, but here they are rarely seen in London or other large cities.

New sounds in the wood are loud "pee-pee-pee" calls in the treetops. But the calls pose a problem, because they can come either from nuthatches or lesser spotted woodpeckers. It is not easy to distinguish between the calls of the two species, especially as they vary quite a lot: generally, though, the nuthatch's call is more ringing, while the lesser spotted woodpecker's reminds you of the warning signal on some pedestrian crossings — a weaker, slower piping.

Nevertheless, even before you see the tiny birds you may know what you have found. The nuthatch has another common call, a sort of staccato whistling that sounds like a stone being bounced across a frozen pond, and it frequently breaks into this after giving its spring call.

The lesser spotted woodpecker may identify itself in a different way: besides calling, it also drums on the tree trunk, and it is starting to do that now. It is a rather fast, high-pitched drumming and can be mistaken for a branch creaking in the wind.

If you get a glimpse of the caller, you will have no doubt what it is. The nuthatch is a blue bird with a black line through its eye and white and buff underparts, and walks up trunks or under boughs without even using its stubby tail for support. The lesser spotted woodpecker is striped black and white on the back like a miniature zebra crossing, and the male has a red crown. It keeps its tail pressed to the bark while climbing.

Blue tits are singing in the woodland trees, a few thin notes followed by a trill rather like a pack of cards being flicked. Two of them will go on answering each other from their respective territories for a long time. Pairs are also forming, the male and female chasing and leapfrogging over each other in the twigs with their crests raised.

When they are conspicuous like this, they may fall prey to sparrowhawks, which can see them far away through the bare branches. Sometimes one gets a very good view of a sparrowhawk when, after dashing through the wood, it pauses briefly in a tree to reconnoitre again, leaning forward, hunched, its round wings no sooner closed than they are opened again — and it slips downwards and away.

But what is that strange babbling in the trees on the edge of the wood, where the ploughed field begins? It sounds as if it might be a flock of starlings, but it is more muted and musical, and an individual voice occasionally rises above it with a few loud, fluting notes.

As one gets nearer, a few birds dart away and settle in more distant trees, but the babble goes on — and now one can see many silhouetted shapes in the crowns of the trees, slim, thrush-sized birds with their heads lifted.

They are redwings, close relatives of the song-thrush that have come here for the winter, and are now singing together before they start making their way back to Scandinavia. In ones and twos, the whole flock moves away evasively, but as they go, the creamy eye-stripe and the bright red under the wing can be seen on some of them. They are a sign that down in the Mediterranean, and further south into Africa, our own summer vistors are preparing to come back.

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Out of the pan, into the packet

Ready-made supermarket pancakes do not compare with the home-made variety.

Robin Young offers his own recipe

Today, the last Saturday before Lent, is Egg Saturday. The pre-Lent carnival romps on after the weekend with Collop Monday (when we should be frying our last bacon for six weeks) and reaches its finale on Shrove Tuesday, when the speciality is, of course, pancakes.

Traditionally, the pancakes were supposed to be cooked by the children, with begged or borrowed ingredients. That, at least, ensured that traditional pancake recipes were sublimely simple, although evidently they are still beyond the abilities and patience of many modern cooks.

The essential ingredients are supposed to be eggs, symbolic of creation; salt or sugar for wholesomeness; flour, for the earth's fruitfulness; and milk for purity. Gateway sell Somerfield Batter Mix, which contains all the necessary but eggs and water, and works well if spread *very* thin.

Nowadays, few people are willing, even if most of the ingredients are mixed for them, to stand at a hot stove top, turning out freshly cooked pancakes one by one. Fewer still have the courage, or skill, to flip them with an adept flick of the wrist so that they spin in the air before returning to the pan without adhering to ceiling, wall, or floor.

> The smaller calibre offerings would make pretty serviceable deck quoits

So many get ready-made pancakes at a supermarket, where the list of ingredients is likely to be considerably extended. For example, Safeway's American Style Pancakes, new on the shelves this month, contain golden syrup, vegetable oil, soya flour, acid sodium pyrophosphate and sodium bicarbonate, in addition to the items already prescribed.

Safeway's Scotch, Raisin & Lemon, and Fruit & Spice (my favourite) introduce whey powder, diphosphates, citric acid and potassium sorbate, most of which are also in Waitrose's Sultana & Syrup Pancakes, although Tesco's Syrup & Sultana Pancakes (a nice distinction in recipe formulations) eschew the chemicals, insisting upon "unbleached, untreated white flour" and "liquid egg".

The calibre and consistency varies as widely as the recipes. The Safeway American Style are the biggest bore, the size of small teaplates but twice as thick, and soft as fresh filter pads. They come with two sachets of "maple-flavour syrup" in every pack of four pancakes, ensuring that someone will drip syrup on the tablecloth while passing a sachet from plate to plate. Maple-flavour syrup is golden syrup with flavourings and caramel.

My other complaint against the Safeway innovation is that the front of the label says nothing about heating. One family member therefore served them cold (so much for modern culinary competence), and they were horrible. The heating instructions are, in fact, hidden unannounced inside the pack on the reverse of the label and involve toasting the pancake and simmering or microwaving the sauce.

Waitrose evidently intends its customers to go into Lent in grand style. It suggests the pancakes should be served "toasted with butter or cold topped with clotted cream". Tesco similarly suggests that its Syrup Pancakes are "delicious served hot or cold with jam or cream", while for Syrup & Sultana, and Raisin & Lemon flavour, it suggests "cream or ice-cream". Tesco's says its tastiest effort, Chocolate & Orange Pancakes, is best accompanied with butter.

Pancake tossers, who like to see a creation capable of gracious flight, probably would not deign to recognise as pancakes any of the products mentioned so far. They are more in the doughty, robust style of what I would prefer to call bannocks, griddlecakes or flapjacks.

Most of them would probably survive the Pancake Day Race staged at Olney in Buckinghamshire, even if they were cartwheeled down the street rather than pan-tossed along it, and the smaller calibre Tesco and Safeway offerings would make pretty serviceable ice-hockey pucks or deck quoits if you kept them much past their sell-by date. Overmicrowaving them makes them curiously resilient, too.

At Westminster School, the traditional pancake is more durable and less edible than any of these. There the tradition known as the Pancake Gleaze has the school cook tossing a large pancake over a 16ft-high bar in the school's Great Hall, whereupon the assembled scholars "scrimmage" for two minutes to see who can secure the biggest helping. The boy who assembles the heaviest collection of pieces, as weighed on the school laboratory scales, is rewarded with a guinea (modern equivalent, £1.05).

Westminster's keenly contested pancake is believed to be made with plaster of Paris, Polyfilla, or something similar, and bound with horsehair. Nobody suggests trying it for tea.

The supermarket pancakes stand firmly in a well-established tradition of British pan-cookery. It is the gluttonous school, whose past masters include Peter Dowdeswell, the celebrated human dustbin, who downed 62 six-inch pancakes (buttered, with syrup) in under seven minutes in 1977, and Derry Lynch and Dennis Thornton, who, assisted by Nick Cotterell, prepared a 1in-thick pancake, 25ft in diameter and weighing 3,727lb at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire ten years later. They used 5,274 eggs, 92 gallons of milk, 165lb of cornflour and 14 gallons of oil. The supermarket suppliers' industrial scale operations doubtless dwarf even that effort.

The only food retailer offering prefabricated pancakes in the thin and delicate French style of the classic crêpes is Marks & Spencer, whose Crêpes Suzette, with freshly squeezed orange juice and Grand Marnier sauce, are a well-established best-seller. The pancakes come neatly folded and piled like tawny pocket handkerchiefs, to be heated up in 15 minutes in a conventional oven, or about 1½ minutes in a microwave, and cost £1.59 for four.

New this year are St Michael Fresh Banana & Toffee Crêpes at the same price. These are similarly folded pancakes with banana slices hidden within, which adds about 30 seconds to the microwaving time. Turn a blind eye to the presence of "Stabiliser E415", which is just a harmless old gum in the gorgeous toffee gloop. If you are taking Lent seriously, try these before you go.



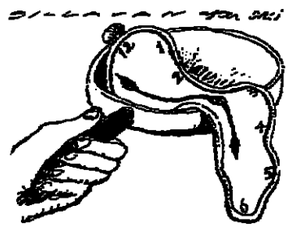
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THERE are no fast rules for cooking pancakes. Recipes vary from one in which Paul Bocuse advocates cooking crêpes for three minutes each side to that in which Richard Olney suggests ten seconds on the first side and less on the second. The best advice is to treat the first few pancakes of any batch as experimental, ensuring you have the balance of batter, heat and timing to your liking.

Batter
(serves about 10)
4oz plain flour
½pt/300ml milk
2 eggs
sugar to taste
¼ tsp salt (optional)
1 tsp vegetable oil
butter or oil for frying

Measure the flour into a mixing bowl, make a well in the centre, add about half the milk and stir into a lump-free mix. Add the remaining milk, eggs, sugar, and salt if used, and beat into a smooth batter, the consistency of single cream. Too much beating binds the gluten, and can make the pancakes overly resilient. Stir in the oil. Leave the batter to stand for two hours.

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Thoroughly heat a frying pan. Stir the batter. It is not necessary to grease a non-stick pan, but others should be wiped over with a piece of cloth or kitchen paper smeared with butter or oil immediately before beginning. Pour a small ladleful of batter (two or three tablespoons depending on the diameter of your chosen pan) and tilt the pan to swirl the mix out to the edges, coating the pan bottom. Allow about 30 seconds for the crêpe to brown on the underside, then turn it over with a palette knife or a toss, and cook briefly until lightly coloured on the second side. To toss your pancake, hold the pan at chest height and flick upwards while pulling the pan towards you. (Practice makes perfect).

Stir the batter before making each crêpe, and regrease the pan lightly as necessary. The second side never browns as evenly as the first, so if you are going to fold the pancake do it so the second side is hidden within. As they are cooked, stack the crêpes on a plate, cover and keep warm.

Crêpes which are to be stuffed with spiced fruit, fruit sauces and spreads, or savoury fillings can be made in advance and kept in the freezer, but I prefer to serve them hot from the pan. Dust with icing sugar, and flavour with a squeeze of lemon, orange or other citrus juice. Experiment with other flavourings (spices, liqueurs, chocolate spread, apricot or strawberry jam, etc) as your mastery develops.

RESTAURANT WATCH

Resurrected, refitted, reprieved and restructured

AWT FROM NOUGHT
Zoë
3-5 Barrett Street, off St Christopher's Place, London W1 (071-224 1122)
Just as quick as Sir Terence Conran opens new restaurants, Antony Worrall Thompson works miracles raising the dead. After the success of dell 'Ugo, in the shell of the failed Braganza in Frith Street, Soho, comes Zoë, successor to Zen Cargo, which sank with all hands after only four months. The principal difference between the large and lively Barrett Street café-restaurant and teemingly populous dell 'Ugo is that at Zoë you can still usually get in. In the ground floor café you can have two courses for £7.50 and three for £10, lunch or dinner. The chef is Conrad Melling.

FORTESOMETHING
Pavilion
Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1 (071-495 2275)
The Forte flagship's Pavilion, transformed after a £350,000 refit into a modern, airy and informal restaurant overlooking Park Lane, this week extends the choices on its £13.50 set lunch to offer five options over three courses. The chef is Sean Davies.

REPRIEVE
Winteringham Fields
Winteringham, Humberside (0724 733096)
Annie and Germain Schwab thought that they would have to sell up because of Mrs Schwab's affliction with rheumatoid arthritis. Popular outcry, in one area of the country that has not let recession put it off its food, prevented them. Instead they have hired Mark Wilkinson as their new chef, and the six-course *menu surprise* at £38 and four or five-course *épicurien* at £33 are still going great guns.

A BIRDIE TELLS ME
Wentworth Golf and Country Club
Wentworth Drive, Virginia Water, Surrey (0344 842201)
The innovative Ian McAndrew, formerly of Restaurant 74 in Canterbury and 116 Knightsbridge, has now holed-out with the Savoy's former general manager, Willi Bauer, at Wentworth, where he is busy restructuring the menus while the management builds the new club house (opening in September). Almost a reason to take up golf.

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ENTERTAINING AT HOME

The Earl and Countess of Bradford

My wife, Joanne, and I like to be informal. We're not into black-tie dinners or even suit-and-tie dinners. "Come in whatever you feel comfortable in," we tell people, and if someone comes through the door in a tie, I bellow: "Take that bloody tie off..."

Having said that, people in the country *are* more formal than in London and they do rather like black-tie dinners on a Saturday night. Why are we British so hung up on the way people dress, I wonder? I've seen very smart people in denim and very scruffy people in so-called smart clothes. It's just a perpetuation of social mores, really.

Our house is next door to Weston Park, my old family home in Shropshire, now run by a charity and open to the public. We use Weston for most of our formal entertaining, but at home we just say, "Come and have supper..."

Don't think, though, that this means we're not perfectionists. Being relaxed isn't achieved without a lot of effort. Joanne likes the flowers to be just so, the table to be set beautifully, the cushions plumped up.

We prefer small rather than large dinner parties — the larger the party, the less chance you have to speak to your friends. For a large dinner we use our dining-room, where we can seat 12, otherwise we eat in the conservatory.

The other weekend we had 14 people for a buffet Sunday lunch to celebrate our daughter's second birthday and Joanne's father's 70th. There was a whole fillet of beef cooked plain with herbs, accompanied by jacket potatoes and sour cream, plus two big tomato and red pepper quiches and a huge ham. Afterwards we had amaretto ice-cream, chocolate mousse and fruit salad. All simple stuff.



Simple setting: the Bradfords often eat in the conservatory

Then, in the evening, because we'd had a shooting party, we finished up with a formal dinner for 22 people at Weston Park. You mustn't get the impression, though, this is a *normal* weekend; not only did we eat too much, it was all too much like hard work.

I always make a point of picking some rather good wines to go with whatever we're having. The Latour '57 went down exceedingly well, and we had three different '75 clarets. The two sensible things I've done in my life are, first, marrying Joanne and, second, when I left university, starting to lay down wine and *leaving* it laid down. The first wine laid down was in 1970 and, believe it or not, I haven't drunk a single bottle yet.

But, while I think it important to do things well, there's no doubt we Brits have a tendency to over-complicate things. There are countless dinner parties we've been to which haven't worked simply because the hosts have been too ambitious.

At the moment we're really into puddings: chocolate roulade, bread and butter pudding and lemon meringue pie, which Joanne makes with condensed milk. Everyone adores it, it was her grandmother's recipe and she should *never* let the world know about it for free. I call her the lemon meringue pie queen of Shropshire.

In the summer, there's nothing we like better than a barbecue. My trick is to use lots of marinades and special sauces — it's perfectly possible to lift the mundane.

On holiday in Spain we always have lots of people over to lunch so it's yours truly on the barbecue again. I go to the market early and buy my fish fresh. The mackerel is absolutely fabulous, my children take one look and say, "Aaargh", but then they take a bite and say "That's nice." I cook it whole and take it off the bone to serve it. Or we might have salt-fish tuna with jacket potatoes, salad and lots of dry white wine. People love it.

What with four children, a house in London and another in Shropshire, it's not easy to organise a social life. In fact, it's such a juggling act that we end up having dinner parties of our own only about once every three months.

The Countess of Bradford's lemon meringue pie
1pkt digestive biscuits
3oz melted butter
2 tins of Nestlé condensed milk
4 whole eggs, separated, and one extra white
juice of 4 lemons and grated rind of one
2tbsp sugar

Crush digestive biscuits and mix with the butter. Press this mixture into the base of a 10in flan dish so that it forms a case, and bake at 190C/375F, gas mark 5, for 10-15 minutes until it's a little brown. Put condensed milk in a bowl and fold in the egg yokes which have been whisked until they are pale yellow. Add grated lemon rind and lemon juice and keep on stirring until the mixture is almost solid. Put on to the biscuit base. Whisk egg whites with sugar until stiff and arrange on top, making little points with a fork. Stick in a medium oven for 5-10 minutes — but keep watching it. When the tips are golden, let it cool and put in fridge. Serve cold with cream.

Interview by Paddy Burt

● *The Earl of Bradford is president of the Master Chefs of Great Britain and owner of Porters restaurant in Covent Garden, central London.*

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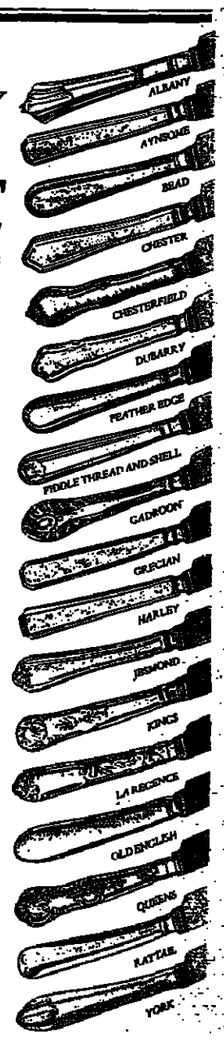
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Back to the roots with a crunch

Frances Bissell digs up some vegetables with sweet, crunchy meal appeal



WHY do even the best restaurants in Britain persist in serving those awful, flabby mangetouts? While staying at a country house hotel in Scotland I was looking forward to a gala dinner in which, surely, the local salmon and beef would feature. I was disappointed. Filo pastry swathed everything, and physallis garnished every empty space on the plate. "Seasonal vegetables" turned out to be the ubiquitous limp khaki pod from Guatemala, and the palid spike of baby corn from Thailand. "New" potatoes were simply small imports. Where were the bashed neeps? The parsnips?. The homegrown potatoes?

Root vegetables are at their sweet, crunchy best at this time of year. I like to peel and slice them very thinly and use them raw in salads, or as crudités with a dip. Roots prepared in this way, and then dried, can be deep-fried into excellent crisps. Carrots, beetroot, parsnips and celeriac make particularly good crisps.

Roasts, grills and thick stews are perfectly matched with root vegetables; fresh, in season and inexpensive. More versatile than might at first be apparent, root vegetables can be roasted, grilled, stewed or mashed. Some can form the basis for sweet dishes, or soups.

My favourite "mash" is to cook a root vegetable with an equal amount of potatoes and the peeled cloves from a head or two of garlic. I might add a couple of bay leaves, cloves or crushed cardamom pods. Olive oil, butter, milk or soured cream are good mashed into the drained, seasoned vegetables.

Thinly sliced roots can also be used in place of more conventional pastas or pastry; celeriac in place of lasagna sheets, turnip slices to make ravioli, potato and celeriac to make versions of *tarte tatin*.

If you want something more exotic, there are many imported roots now in our markets and supermarkets: yams, taro, eddo, large green oriental radishes, mooli or white radishes. Some of these are best cooked and mashed, others are delicious raw. The one I like best is the jicama, or yam bean, the sweetest of all the roots. Native to Central America, it can be eaten raw as an appetiser, thinly sliced, dipped in lime juice and dusted with salt and powdered chilli. Mix it on a platter with slices of apple and kohl-rhabi for a light, crisp salad.

Completely different are the comforting, creamy soups you can make from root vegetables. The best version I have had recently was served chilled on Christmas day aboard a British Airways flight.

Parsnip soup

(serves 8)

1½oz/40g butter, or olive oil
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
2lb/900g parsnips, peeled and chopped
3pt/1.7l vegetable, or chicken stock
seasoning
¼ pt/140ml single cream
fresh coriander for garnish

Melt the butter, or heat the oil in a large saucepan, and sweat the onion until soft. Add the parsnips and stock and cook until the parsnip is soft. Allow to cool slightly before liquidising the soup. Return it to the pan, season to taste and bring to the boil. Serve with a little cream poured on top. Garnish with herbs. If you plan to serve the soup chilled, use oil instead of butter, and check the seasoning just before you serve it. Cold soups need a little more seasoning than hot soups.

HERE is a recipe for using up the pulp after making carrot juice.

Carrot, chilli and coriander griddle cakes

(makes 12)

2 free-range eggs
¼lb/110g flour
¼pt/140ml milk
4-6oz/110-170g raw carrot pulp or finely grated carrot
1 green chilli, seeded and finely chopped
2 spring onions, trimmed and finely chopped
a few coriander leaves, shredded
salt, pepper

Make a smooth batter with the eggs, flour and milk and stir in the rest of the ingredients. Heat a griddle or heavy frying pan, greasing it as necessary, and drop soup spoons of the batter on to the hot surface. When the batter is dry on top, turn the cake and cook the other side. Pile up the cakes on a plate set over a pan of simmering water to keep them warm. Serve with the salmon butter I described two weeks ago, or soured cream and smoked fish.

Beetroot, potato and herring salad with dill cream

(serves 4-6)

4 sheets or 4tsp gelatine
1pt/570ml beetroot cooking liquor
2tbsp sherry vinegar
4 beetroot, cooked, peeled and diced
1½-2lb/680-900g small, waxy potatoes
small bunch of dill
sea salt
freshly ground black pepper
¼pt/140ml whipping cream, whipped
6 roll mops

Soak the gelatine in a little of the beetroot liquid and, when soft, stir it into the rest of the liquid and the sherry vinegar. Heat gently, stirring until the gelatine has dissolved. Cool as quickly as possible, outside the back door, on a balcony or over a bowl of ice. Wet a ring mould and scatter the beetroot in it. Pour over the cold liquid and refrigerate until set. The jelly can be prepared the day before required.

Scrub and boil the potatoes and, while they are cooking, make the dill cream. Strip the feathery leaves from the stems, which can be put in with the potatoes. Put the leaves in a mortar with a pinch of sea salt and some pepper. Grind with a pestle until you have a paste. Fold this into the whipped cream.

To assemble the salad, turn the jelly out on to a platter. Fill the centre with potato salad mixed with some of the dill cream. Arrange the roll mops on top and garnish with more dill.

There are other ways to serve this combination. The simplest is to dress the chopped beetroot with sherry vinegar and walnut oil and put it in the bowl. Serve the remaining ingredients, roll mops, potatoes and dill cream in separate bowls, and forget about the jelly.

This is a dish for beer and akvavit rather than wine.

MY mother-in-law remembers her mother, who went to America from St Petersburg, making what her children called a potato pizza. When I visited her last in Pennsylvania, we recreated the recipe, as it sounded so good. It was. Now, whenever I bake bread, I save some dough for the potato cake.

Edith's potato cake

(serves 6)

Dough

1tsp dried yeast
¼pt/140ml warm water
pinch of sugar
½lb/230g strong plain flour
½tsp salt

Topping

1lb/455g potatoes
6 oz/170g hard or semi hard cheese, such as red Leicester, Cheddar, Parmesan or Gruyère

With the ingredients, make a smooth, elastic dough. Cover and let it rise in a warm place. While the dough is having its final rising, peel and boil the potatoes and grate the cheese. When the potatoes are soft, drain thoroughly. Mash and season them. Stir in most of the cheese, which will melt in the hot potato. Roll the dough out on a floured worktop and lay it on a large oiled baking sheet or on an oiled griddle. Spread the potato mixture on top and sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake in a preheated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for 15-20 minutes, until the top and pastry are a crispy golden brown.

IF you cannot get sweet potatoes from your local shops, you can make this pie with carrots or parsnips, or, of course, pumpkin. I have included the recipe for a biscuit crumb shell as an alternative to short pastry.

Sweet potato pie

(serves 6)

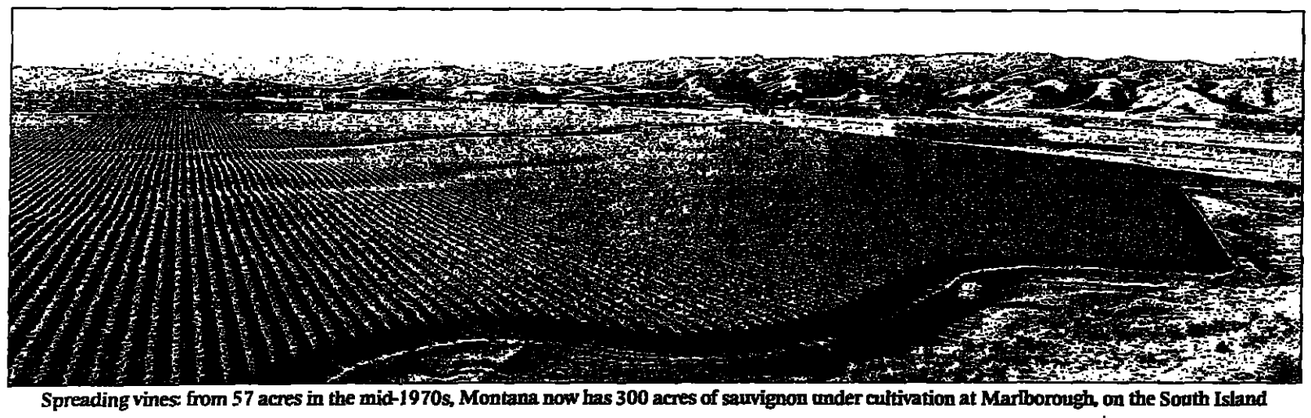
½lb/230g ginger nuts or digestive biscuits
2 free-range egg whites, separated
¾lb/340g cooked, drained and mashed sweet potato
3-4oz/85-110g light muscovado or Demerara sugar
½tsp freshly grated nutmeg
½tsp ground clove
½tsp ground cinnamon
good pinch of mace
pinch of salt
2 free-range eggs

Reduce the biscuits to crumbs and mix with the white of one egg. Lightly grease a pie dish and line it with this mixture, pressing it to the sides and bottom. Bake for 8-10 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6. Allow to cool. This crust can be made the day before required if convenient. Short crust pastry can, of course, also be used.

Mix the remaining ingredients thoroughly and pour into the baked pie shell. Bake for 40-50 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6.

DIANA LEADBETTER





Spreading vines: from 57 acres in the mid-1970s, Montana now has 300 acres of sauvignon under cultivation at Marlborough, on the South Island

Kiwis have mastered the fruit

Jane MacQuitty celebrates the sudden success of the New Zealand winemakers' sauvignons

Like or loathe New Zealand sauvignon, and there are plenty of palates in both camps, it is now world class. Francophiles will not want to know that their beloved Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, also made from the sauvignon grape, have been matched and often beaten by Kiwi upstarts. But give me the choice between a decent New Zealand sauvignon for under a fiver and supermarket Sancerre at £7 plus, and I know which I would choose.

I am not alone in my growing preference for Kiwi sauvignon. The United Kingdom continues to be New Zealand's biggest export market by far, taking 65 per cent of the country's exported wine. And last year, British sales of New Zealand sauvignon increased by two thirds on the year before, with the result that there are few high-street chains, or highbrow merchants, without this excellent antipodean bottle listed.

Strange, perhaps, that such demand should have sprung up for a grape variety that often reeks of cat's pee, gooseberries or grass cuttings, and sometimes of all three. But well made, reasonably cropped, ripe sauvignon — and this is where the New Zealand version appears to triumph over the French original — makes a great aperitif, goes well with seafood, fish and white meat, and provides a welcome change to the ubiquitous chardonnay.

While the sauvignon grape is now the third most widely planted variety in New Zealand, after chardonnay and Müller-Thurgau, what does seem extraordinary is that the capable Kiwis are making superb, world-class sauvignon wine after just 13 commercial harvests. For although Matua Valley made a trial batch of New Zealand sauvignon as early as 1974, Montana was the first to release commercial quantities in 1980.

From the beginning, Marlborough sauvignon, even when compared to those of France, has obvious European style, class and finesse. Yet the Kiwis took time to realise the export potential.

When I visited New Zealand during the 1984 harvest, I was impressed by the quality of Montana's sauvignon, tasted straight from the tank in the vast Marlborough winery, and 1984 was not even a good vintage there. Admittedly, I also tasted and was bowled over by the quality of Montana's bottled '82 vintage, one of the best sauvignons of the decade. It was this wine, made from Montana's first full yield of sauvignon grapes, and winner of the export award at the 1982 wine show, that put New Zealand, Marlborough and Montana on the world's wine map all at once.

What Montana sauvignon did, and still does, was blaze a trail for a New World wine country, whose zesty, clean, intense, aromatic and often herbaceous style tends to shine through, regardless of variety, region, or winemakers' contribution. Montana's achievement is all the more remarkable because it is making a great sauvignon in bulk. Having started with just 57 acres of sauvignon wines in the mid-1970s, Montana now has 300 acres planted in sunny, suitable Marlborough, whose green rows of vines, even from the air, stretch as far as the eye can see.

Peter Hubscher, Montana's managing director and chief winemaker, claims that "good winemaking is all about nuances, little wee things". But even he admits that "Montana's aim has always been to make good wine in vast quantities. We started above the medium-sized line and are still growing."

Montana's lead soon enticed other wineries, mostly smaller boutique-size operations, to Marlborough in the northeast corner of the South Island. The most celebrated is David Hohnen's Cloudy Bay, made by winemaker Kevin Judd. Cloudy Bay's rich, full, more complex sauvignon style, as opposed to Montana's zingy, herbaceous, gooseberry-laden wine, is achieved by adding a dash of semillon to the blend and allowing the wine to partly ferment in cask.

Other consistently great examples of Marlborough sauvignon, and there are plenty to choose from as wineries from all over New Zealand now source their sauvignon grapes from here, include Jackson Estate and Hunter's. The latter's sauvignon tends to fall half way between Montana's crispness and Cloudy Bay's richness and may therefore appeal more to newcomers to Marlborough's distinctive sauvignon style. Other impressive Marlborough sauvignons we see here include Waipara Springs deep, verdant style and Wairau River's more floral herbaceous style.

The good news for Marlborough sauvignon drinkers is that 1991, the year now on sale here, was probably the best the region has ever experienced. As the magnificent Marlborough 1991s are about to be replaced here by the less distinguished but still delicious '92s, my advice is to buy what you can find.

BEST BUYS

● **1991 Montana Marlborough Sauvignon,** *Tesco, Victoria Wine, Safeway, Oddbins and Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £4.99.*
Zesty, gooseberry-green fruit underpinned by crisp herbaceous finesse.

● **1991 Selaks Marlborough Sauvignon,** *Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £5.99.*
Elegant, flowering currant scent and rich, full verdant palate. A worthy Marlborough wine, with some asparagus flavours now due to age.

● **1991 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon,** *Majestic Wine Warehouses, £7.49.*
Fresh, intense herbaceous style with bags of fruit and flavour.

● **1991 Jackson Estate Marlborough Sauvignon,** *Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £6.99.*
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The plot for a spicy book

Recipes that bring a taste of real India to your kitchen

A first book, *The Flavours of Gujerat*, by three cooks working for a Midlands spice company is winning acclaim. Full of easy yet unusual recipes and well illustrated, it's a snip at £6.99.

The idea for the book came from Naresh Shah, a director of Virani, well known in the Indian community as specialists in 11 different types of flour and unusual spices. But instead of asking a specialist writer, he persuaded his wife, Ranjan, and two colleagues, Sarla Maru and Sandhiya Shah, to take on the project.

"People have this idea that Indian food is complicated and takes a long time to prepare, but it's not," Mr Shah says. "We used to get people ringing us up when they bought our products from the corner shop, asking how to use them. For a while we gave out recipes on the phone. Then we put one or two on a word processor and sent them out. The demand was so great that we thought we might as well do a book."

The three writers collected traditional recipes from family and friends and tested every one. "The recipes had to be vegetarian because none of us eats meat," Mrs Shah says, "but they're exactly as we would cook them in our homes. We gave the recipes to our English friends, who had never done any Indian cooking before. Whatever problems they found we amended. It took a year to get it right."

The key to trouble-free Indian cooking is organisation, Mrs Shah says. "If you have a spice box in which you keep six or seven of the spices you use most you don't have to keep unscrewing and screwing jars. If you screw and unscrew every jar you need, by that time you've burnt the onions."

Other essentials, such as chillies, ginger and garlic, can be kept ready for use if you crush them in a food processor and freeze them in ice-cube trays, she says.

Mr Shah obligingly reveals that spices will keep for a long time. "If you pop them into



Recipe for success: authors Ranjan Shah and Sarla Maru

in and out of a warm oven you can bring them back to life. Cloves will keep for a few years," he says.

A by-product of *The Flavours of Gujerat* project has been to attract a loyal following from second generation Indian girls. "Nowadays they leave school or college and go straight out to work, so they don't have the time to pick up tips from mum," says Mr Shah. "They may become chartered accountants or solicitors, but they're still expected to know how to cook."

Home-made onion bhajees

(serves 8-10)

8oz gram flour
1tbsp rice flour
1tbsp sesame seeds
1tbsp dhana-jeera powder
2tsp chilli powder
¼tsp turmeric
1tsp salt
2 large onions, cut in half and sliced finely
1tbsp finely chopped coriander
7fl oz water
oil for deep frying

Sieve the gram flour into a [illegible] mix in all the remaining dry ingredients together with the onion slices and chopped coriander. Gradually add the water, mixing until a thick batter is formed and the onions are well coated. Heat oil to a depth of 2-3in in a wok or deep frying pan over a medium heat. When it has reached the correct temperature, a drop of batter will rise immediately to the surface without turning brown.

Drop heaped teaspoons of the onion batter into the hot fat (taking care not to make the bhajees too large, otherwise the centre will not cook). Fry a few at a time, turning if necessary for about 5-6 minutes until golden brown. Repeat until all the bhajees are cooked, allowing time for the oil to re-heat between each batch. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with a selecion of chutneys.

FIONA BECKETT

● The Flavours of Gujerat *and a range of flours and spices can be obtained by mail order from Virani, 10-14 Stewarts Road, Finedon Road Industrial Estate, Wellingborough, Northants NN8* [illegible]

How to hit the rain for six

Cricket has come indoors, where it's faster and more fun. **Ivo Tennant** reports

All over the country, hundreds of schools' sports grounds have been closed by local education authorities and sold to property developers. For many children at comprehensive schools, cricket carried meaning only through television . . . until they discovered they could play indoors.

Cricket indoors? The very idea would have been scorned by W.G. Grace and the like. In the 1990s, it is a godsend for anybody who has no recourse to outdoor facilities, expensive equipment or an entire Saturday afternoon to spare. To the purist, this may be a junk version of the game: to 90,000 others, it is an exhilarating invention.

Indoor cricket began in Australia during the 1970s. Despite the temperate climate, the concept of batting and bowling in something resembling an aircraft hangar was so attractive that by 1989 there were 34 centres in the country. Anybody could play at any hour without risk of injury. There was no hard ball, no bouncers — and not even any sledging (verbal intimidation).

> The essence of indoor cricket is that everybody bats and bowls. There is no kicking of heels in the pavilion

England had originally given cricket to Australia. Now, in the mid-1980s, the old dog was being taught new tricks. People who had never played cricket before were attracted to the game, often as members of teams raised by colleagues at work. Girls went with boyfriends and wives discovered that they, too, could participate. Hitherto, their role at cricket matches had been restricted to providing the teas.

The essence of indoor cricket is that everybody bats and bowls. There is no kicking of heels in the pavilion while someone else spends an eternity at the wicket. It is a game of participation, of speed, of enjoyable laughter — and if MCC is stuffy about it, that is of scant concern to the organisers, the International Cricket Federation (ICF).

The ICF centres — 33 in England, one in Wales — are a world away from Lord's. They tend to be on unprepossessing industrial trading estates, where rents are cheap and buildings are spacious enough to house courts (as they are known), with full-length pitches and the refreshment bars that have helped make this a family sport.

Most centres are in the Midlands and the North. Bob Manca, the ICF chairman, runs, among others, a centre called Stumps in Birmingham. Last winter, he enlisted Mike Gatting to play for one of his teams, a shrewd move for all parties. Gatting's enthusiasm and ability attracted numerous individuals and the constant practice sharpened his own game, helping him to regain his Test place.

To have played proper cricket is clearly an advantage. Yet at Edmonton, one of only two centres in the London area, the 1,300 players who compete in 13 leagues range from a girl of eight to a 67-year-old retired milkman, and a team of blind players who play with a bell inside a ball.

The centre is owned by Eric Dench, and members pay £6 a year; teams of eight players £32 a game. Balls, bats and soft gloves are provided; several players bring their own. Pads and helmets are not needed, because the yellow ball has a soft filling. Players wear T-shirts, trainers and light trousers.

Whereas proper cricket can take all day — or even five days — an entire game of indoor cricket lasts for just 90 minutes. This is not entirely so that a drink or two can be fitted in afterwards, although that is considered an integral part of the attraction. One team's innings lasts 16 overs, the joy being that even if a batsman is out, he or she continues to bat for four overs.

Two batsmen bat and run on a surface of carpet or Flowtex. If the ball is hit into the side netting, the striker is credited with a run. If it is hit to the back netting, four runs are scored; six if the ball has not bounced. A batsman can be caught off the side and top netting, but not off the back. For any ball bowled above chest height, two runs are awarded to the batsman. Above the court sit the umpire and scorer. Any misconduct and five runs are deducted from the team's score. Further trouble and the offender is sent off.

In a good game, a total of 75 or 80 runs is likely to be a winning score. Sixteen overs a side might not sound a lengthy exertion, but given the continuous action and close proximity of spectators, the players invariably feel drained. A group of England cricketers certainly did two years ago, when they were beaten by a representative team of indoor players.

ANDREW VARLEY



Square drive: a match in progress at the Red ball Centre, Sheffield, between a local team and Warrington

Indoor cricket fact box

● **Governing body:** the UK Indoor Cricket Federation, c/o Stumps, Villa Park, Birmingham B6 6HE (021-328 7777). The federation can advise on your nearest centre, on leagues, results service, umpires and rules.

● **Where to play:** there are 34 clubs in Britain. Subscriptions cost about £6 a year and a team of eight is charged about £32 a game (i.e., about £64 for the two teams). Bats, soft gloves and balls are provided free. Centres can be hired by schools and other groups.

● **Coaching:** this is given at indoor centres by qualified cricket coaches and expert devotees.

● **Equipment:** T-shirts in your team's colours, trainer shoes and indoor cricket trousers, which are obtainable from Woodchester Sports, Birmingham, and J. Wilson, West Yorkshire. Hard hats and pads are not needed, because the ball is soft.

● **International tour:** the England indoor team will tour South Africa in April.

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

BARRY NORMAN

Film critic



Where would you go?
Dublin. I go there two or three times a year on business, but always mix business with pleasure. The first time I went there must have been around 1980, when I went on Gay Byrne's *The Late Late Show*. That was when I discovered that my programme was actually seen in Ireland.

How would you get there?
By Ryanair, a small friendly airline that tries harder, from Stansted. Thanks to Norman Foster's light, elegant design, it is one of those rare airports that makes you feel welcome and comfortable.

Where would you stay?
At the Shelbourne Hotel, which, despite some unfelicitous modernisation, retains the grace and charm of a more leisurely age. If the Shelbourne was full, I'd settle happily for the Westbury.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife, who is as fond of Ireland as I am and is the perfect companion anyway.

What essential piece of clothing would you take?
A raincoat, in the confident expectation of a succession of "soft" days.

What medicines would you take?
Probably Alka Seltzer, to counteract the damage of Irish hospitality.

What would you have to eat?
Oysters and prawns, preferably from the less polluted west coast of Ireland.

What would you have to drink?
Draught Guinness — so much better in Ireland than anywhere else.

Which books would you take to read?
James Joyce's *Dubliners* and *Ulysses*.

What music would you listen to?
Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. This, danced by Fonteyn and Nureyev, was the first ballet I ever saw.

What would you watch on television?
The news. I hate to be out of touch.

What film would you watch?
None. Don't I see enough of them during the rest of the week?

Would you play any games or sport?
No. I'd be too busy talking — or, more likely, listening — to the most articulate and gloriously opinionated race of people I know.

What luxury would you take?
None. My needs are simple: good food, good wine, good company. I'd find them all there.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
The necklace with the squatting figure of a king from Tutankhamun's tomb — the only thing I have ever been seriously tempted to steal if I could have got away with it.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Margaret Thatcher — but that would apply anywhere.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The Times (particularly for the crossword), *The Guardian* and *The Irish Times*.

What three things would you leave behind?
My engagement book, dinner jacket (I hate wearing those things) and the two dogs which, at home, I am obliged to exercise every morning.

What three things would you most like to do?
Apart from talking and listening, I would like to dine long and late with friends, and retrace, as far as it is now possible, Stephen Dedalus's journey round Dublin. Our friends always find a new restaurant to take us to every time we go there.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My daughters, Samantha, 30, and Emma, 28.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A sweater from Club Tricot in Grafton Street.

What would you like to find when you got home?
Good news — from whatever source. Ideally, I would like to hear that both my daughters had landed absolutely spectacular jobs.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

● *Barry Norman's latest book, 100 Best Films of the Century, is published by Chapmans, price £16.99.*

Tony Dawe finds that virtual reality games are a trial for the over-40s, but his son, Linton, is not so queasy about fighting a computer

Welcome to a nearly real world

Total sensory deprivation was what I thought the bright-eyed boffin said he hoped to achieve. But the sounds of battle raging around me in a dungeon near the Tower of London must have affected my hearing.

My son, who was conducting the interview with more technical skill than me, insisted that he had said "total sensory immersion". That is the aim of virtual reality games, which, according to the boffin and other experts, will boom in 1993.

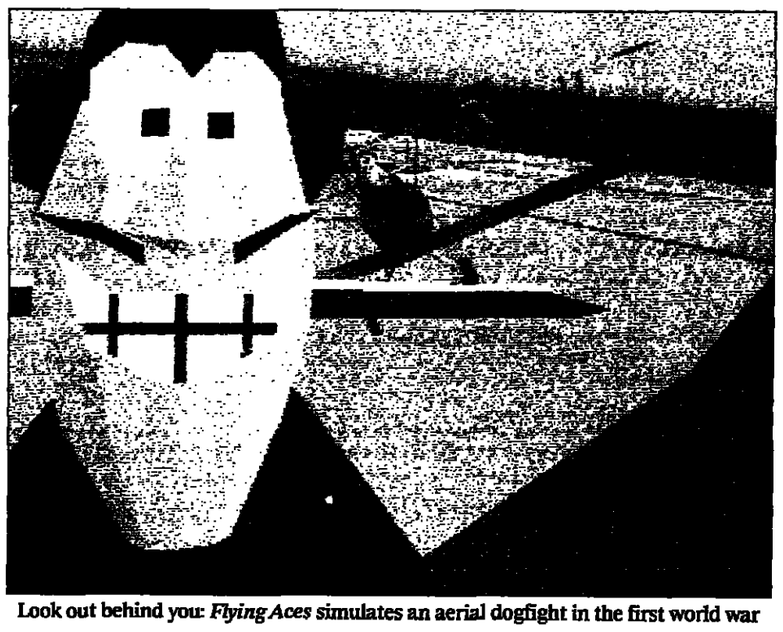
Whether you suffer deprivation or immersion depends largely on your age. For anyone over 40, donning a helmet with its own screens and sounds, strapping a computerised monitor to your waist and being plunged into a world of monsters can seem like a sense-depriving exercise.

But for younger people, especially teenagers, it is the latest experience, successfully achieving what film-makers, computer games specialists and the technical wizards of Disney World have been attempting for years: entering a three-dimensional world where you can experience adventures you could previously only have imagined.

The latest and most sophisticated range of virtual reality games was launched in Nottingham at the beginning of last year. Centres have opened at the Trocadero in London and the Zone in Birmingham, and games can also be found in various seaside resorts.

Virtual Quest, the newest centre to offer the games, has just opened on Tower Hill Terrace, next to the Tower Pageant. Jonathan Waldern, creator of the games and managing director of W Industries of Leicester, which provides them, explains his philosophy.

"Our aim is to make the game so realistic that players become thoroughly immersed in it without getting too frightened or losing control of their senses," he says. "We used the Nottingham centre almost as a research and development facility, and, by having the public through every day, we could find out what they wanted."



Look out behind you: *Flying Aces* simulates an aerial dogfight in the first world war

> 'Our aim is to make the game so realistic that players become thoroughly immersed without losing their senses'



Identity crisis: players chose their roles in *Legend Quest*

Both the Tower Hill and Nottingham centres offer four *Legend Quest* games, in which you can choose to become an elf, a dwarf or a human. You climb on to a platform resembling a plastic pulpit and put on a helmet with two small liquid crystal screens in front of your eyes. These provide a three-dimensional view of the computer-generated surroundings.

The headset contains two stereo speakers and some complex tracking circuitry, which allows the computer controlling the game to tell which way your head is pointing and to update the display accordingly. It also contains a microphone, programmed to make your voice sound like an elf, a dwarf, or even a human, so that you can communicate with the other players.

A belt containing a monitoring system is tied around your waist so that the computer can react as you turn your body. The final piece of equipment is a joystick, which acts as your weapon but also holds a small button which you press when you want to move forward.

Thus attired, you are ready to enter the castle, which contains a labyrinth of a hundred rooms full of skeletons, hobgoblins and wolves with which you must do battle to reach your final goal, picking up useful items from treasure chests and the like as you go.

One four-minute game costing £2 will not get you very far and Dr Waldern's hope is that the game will be more than a "one-off" experience for most players. "The idea is that you could come here with a group of friends, play for a few minutes and then go out into the real world to work out what best to do next before playing again," he says.

To help you do this, the Nottingham centre offers a £5 membership, which allows you to borrow a "smart key" that stores your position at the end of each game. At Tower Hill, membership will also buy you the first four-minute game, and you buy more time at 50p a minute.

While the subterranean setting in London reminds you of the dungeons and dragons game which inspired *Legend Quest*, the setting in Nottingham is, of course, a forest. The platforms on which you play the game are moulded into tree trunks which sit in a woodland glade. Suitably-dressed attendants explain the game to newcomers, and you can undertake a two-minute trial for £1, while an extra 50p will buy you five minutes' play at the easiest levels.

The Nottingham centre now has 5,300 members, half of them aged between 11 and 16 and the rest over 16. Needless to say, only a handful are over 40.



Eye contact: headsets provide three-dimensional effects

It's great, but can't we go a bit faster?

The effect from these headsets is incredibly realistic *(14-year-old Linton Dawe writes)*. The liquid crystal screens work well and don't flicker, and the graphics are good. The rooms are full of realistic monsters, cleverly-designed puzzles and other players.

Rather than trying to shoot them, as in other games, the aim here is to co-operate with them, which is more challenging.

The headset allows you to move around the game and provides a much better effect than flight simulators and driving simulators. You can even see your hand in front of your face, if you look in the right direction, and the next development will be the dataglove, which will allow you to "feel" the objects you are seeing.

This is the best virtual reality game yet, but it's still not good enough to make you confuse the electronically-simulated world with the real one. Your body movements are limited to turning around rather than going for a walk, and are confined even further by the number of wires connecting you to the system.

One problem is speed: the fact that the system takes even a few hundredths of a second to react to your movements takes it farther from reality, because we are all used to instant reactions from our senses.

Worlds apart

● **London:** Virtual Quest, 2 Tower Hill Terrace, EC3 (071-488 2808). Four stand-up machines for playing *Legend Quest*. Trocadero Centre, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-287 8913). Four stand-up machines for *Dactyl Quest* space adventure in Funland; four sit-down machines for *Flying Aces* first world war dogfight in Lazer Bowl; four sit-down machines for *Exorex* giant robot adventure in Virtuality Centre.

● **Birmingham:** Two *Legend Quest* machines at Gameworks, Arcadian Centre, Hurst Street (021-622 1314). Also one *Flying Aces* machine.

● **Cardiff:** Virtual Reality, Capital Exchange Centre, Queen Street (0222 641089). One Harrier jump-jet combat mission game.

● **Leicester:** Beatties Virtual Reality, The Shires (0533 512697). One *Legend Quest* game.

● **Nottingham:** Legend Quest, Goosegate (0602-242626). Four *Legend Quest* machines.

● **Poole:** Tower Park (0202 715907). One machine.

● **Tyneside:** Metroland, Metrocentre, Gateshead (091-493 2048). One *Flying Aces* machine.

● **Weston-super-Mare:** Olympia Arcade, 23-29 Regent Street (0934 621995). One *Exorex* machine.

Rank Amusements is withdrawing machines from various seaside amusement centres to create a Virtual Reality Centre at Thorpe Park, Chertsey, Surrey, to open later this year.

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At a temple in Handsworth, Birmingham, **Ruth Gledhill** takes part in a service dedicated to the Hindu goddess Durga

Gods appear in flowers and incense



NEWS TEAM



Eastern spirit: the interior of the Handsworth temple (left), and Nisha Rishi (above) with her grandmother and the goddess Durga

Shree Geeta Bhawan Temple, 107-115 Heathfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B19 1HL (021-554 4120)

GENERAL SECRETARY: Kamal Dev Pathak.

SERMON: No sermon at the service Ruth Gledhill attended, although there is most weeks. Prayers emphasised God as protector and the human need for wisdom, faith and devotion.

ARCHITECTURE: Undistinguished suburban gothic style transformed internally into a world of incense and deities.★★

LITURGY: Based around the worship of the goddess Durga, the universal mother.★★

MUSIC: Enchanting and beautiful renditions of Indian hymns. ★★★★

AFTER SERVICE CARE: Guests are invited to stay for tasty Indian food, with jugs of refreshing water. ★★★★★

★ stars are awarded up to a maximum of five



ON entering the Hindu temple, a converted church in Handsworth, Birmingham, near the scene of the Lozells Road race riots of 1985, I was drawn instantly to the white-tiled room in the far left-hand corner of the temple, in what might once have been the porch.

Two beautiful young girls, with long, glossy black hair, dressed in ornate, embroidered Indian dress, played with yellow flowers at the foot of a deity with the head of an elephant. This was Lord Ganesha, son of Shiva the destroyer. The scent of incense, which had accompanied the consecration and installation of Ganesha that day, hung heavily in the air.

"Before today he was just a statue made of brass," said Kamal Dev Pathak, the general secretary of the temple. "Now it is not a statue, it is a deity. We believe that God himself is in there now."

I asked my guide, Om Parkash Sharma, president of the National Council of Hindu Temples, to explain the jet black oval stone, the *Shiv Ling* in the centre of the temple, guarded by a bronze bull, Nandi, the mount of Shiva. "It is the shape of the universe," was all he would say. Looking it up later, in the Viking *Handbook of Living Religions*, it turns out to be a representation of the deity himself, the third in the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Walking back across the carpeted nave to the temple entrance, before the service began, I was given bananas and chocolates from a cardboard box overflowing with fruit. These were offerings made to the deities installed in alcoves or on pedestals around the gold, cream and pink temple. Multicoloured flags were stretched from arch to arch, and women, men and children, some barefoot, some with yellow flowers in their hair, sat on the red and gold carpet.

A few men wore western dress but most were in *kurta*, Hindu casual dress. The Hindu women wore turquoise, pink and gold saris, with the Punjabis in *salwar* (silk baggy trousers) and cardigans. On the walls were many quotations from the *Bhagavadgita*, one of the most influential Hindu scriptures.

As the service began, a bell was chimed to drive off evil and attract the attention of Durga, the deity we were there to worship. Durga is the great mother goddess and feminine counterpart of the three male deities.

We sat cross-legged, facing Durga, and were watched over from the right by the deity Krishna, in his incarnation as a shepherd boy with a flute in his arms. Krishna is one of the descents, or *avataras*, of the pre-eminent benevolent god Vishnu, the second in the Hindu trinity.

Like other worshippers, I had removed my shoes and washed my hands before entering the temple for the service. Two priests were responsible for overseeing the correct performance of the ritual and prayers, but they tried to keep a low profile as far as possible. Each week, a different family leads the worship and prepares the food which the congregation eats after the service.

The temple, built in 1967, was the first in the West Midlands, one of the main centres of Indian immigration. In Birmingham there are about 51,000 people of Indian origin out of an Asian population of 130,000 and a total population of 961,000. In India, Hindus make up four-fifths of the population.

The word Hindu is derived from the Persian word for India. Unlike most religions, Hinduism has no founder and is not prophetic. It has no essential creeds, doctrine, dogma or practice and is often adapted to local conditions. The Hindus I met in Birmingham spoke in monotheistic terms of one God, whom they called Brahma or the Lord of Creation. The temple deities are the Lord in his various incarnations, explained one, who also spoke reverently of Jesus Christ as the only son of the Lord. But temple literature also challenges Hindus to prevent their children losing their identity by converting to Christianity.

When our prayers began, mostly in Hindi, Durga was hidden behind red velvet curtains. She was being bathed and clothed in a new outfit of red and gold. Offerings of fruit and sweets were made.

The priest invoked the blessings of Ganesha, the son of Shiva, to ensure Shiva's blessing and protection. Then we moved on to Durga. The senior priest, Acharia Dharma Datt Vashishat, recited from the *Durga Sapt Shati* scriptures. The junior priest, Upinder Prohit, performed the rituals.

Mr Sharma translated for me: "He is asking for the protection of all the parts of the body and for all the intellect. He is naming each part of the body. He is saying: 'Goddess who appeared in this form protect me. Protect my eyes, my mouth, my family, protect the whole universe.'"

After the initial prayers, the congregation sang evocative and melodic Indian hymns, or *bhajanas*, led by a man with a harmonium, a woman beating a drum and another with a tambourine. While the service appeared casual and informal, it is vital in Hinduism that the rituals are correctly performed. Hindus believe all living things have souls, and that the soul returns repeatedly to different bodies on earth. The type of body you inhabit in your next life depends on *karma*, or the effect of deeds done in the last one.

The cycle of reincarnation is broken when, by spiritual self-realisation, the soul escapes to *moksha*, or liberation. Knowledge and *bhakti*, or devotion, can help free the soul from its earthly imprisonment. Thus devotions well done can lead to the final state of bliss, sometimes called *nirvana*.

The beat strengthened and the pace quickened as we approached the climax of the service, the *aarti* ceremony, or prayer offering. Mr Sharma strode to the front and blew hard on a conch, used as a trumpet during Hindu rituals, to help us concentrate on God. As the unearthly sound echoed around the temple, the velvet curtain drew back. Durga was revealed, resplendent in red and gold silk, dripping with gold jewellery and draped with yellow flowers. We had no sermon; instead there were announcements of forthcoming events, chiefly the festival of Shiva.

We all stood for the offering. The singing recommenced, with clapping and dancing. Worshippers brought food to the goddess and the *aarti*, a silver dish containing five cotton-wool wicks in purified butter, was rotated in a clockwise direction in front of the deity.

The singing grew more intense, the conch was blown again, bells were rung and the priest prayed. We raised our hands as he prayed for world peace and for the whole of mankind.

Durga seemed to smile sweetly on us as we departed for the communal meal in the kitchen next door.

In the lobby, I noticed an Air India poster advertising "Aum Sweet Aum". Hindus speak of *aum* as a primeval sound, representing God in the simplest form. The poster said: "Aum has many meanings. One of them is welcome to the gods."

● *Prayers, or the aarti ceremony, every day for 20 minutes at 11am and 7pm. Tuesday evening worship begins with 15 minutes at 6pm, and 30 minutes from 7.45pm.*

Strike call for alley cats

Annie Rankin takes family and friends to try tenpin bowling

We must have appeared an unlikely team. Julie, my younger sister, Jim, Tim and Andy, three of her friends from Manchester University, my mother and myself had all trooped down to the Bellevue GXsuperbowl, in Manchester, keen to try our hands at a spot of tenpin bowling.

It is boom time in the world of bowling. Based on American models, today's bowling alleys look like a cross between a shopping mall and a cinema foyer — havens of leisure with entertainment enough to occupy a whole day. As well as 32 bowling lanes, our particular joint was jumping with activity: video games, pinball machines, pool tables, burger bars and popcorn and ice-cream stalls.

We made for the saloon doors of the Brooklyn Bar to sup Budweisers and wait for our turn to be called over the Tannoy. When our lane was free, we swapped our shoes for soft-soled pumps and squeaked down to the start. We keyed each player's name into the computerised scoreboard, and we were off.

Julie led the way with a nonchalant hop, skip and roll action. She acquitted herself honourably, knocking down nine pins with her two throws. You have two chances per turn to wipe out a frame of ten pins, and the whole game consists of ten frames each.

I went next and found the first hurdle lay in selecting a ball with the correct weight and finger-hole size. The lads assured me there was no advantage to a heavier ball, so I opted for a puny number seven. I managed to topple eight pins in one, but trying to angle the follow-up shot put me swiftly into the gutter.

Arrow marks on the boards a short way down the lane guide the eye to the centre, but the greatest help is the overhead video screen beside each scoreboard, which has a diagram of the pins to be felled and an arrow indicating the optimum point of impact.

My mother, a first-timer to the bowling alley, was convinced she would be a dab hand at it, having spent her youth curling on frozen ponds in Scotland. She was not bad, but, like me, she found that her shots kept veering to the left just as they neared their target. This is not unusual because the first half of each lane is oiled to encourage the balls to glide forward, but after that any angle or spin starts to take effect.



Get a grip: weight is less important than wrist action

As my ball and the left-hand gutter developed a mutual attraction, Tim stepped in with advice: "Try to keep the swing directly under your shoulder, and release the ball low down." The ideal line of delivery is close to and parallel with your side. But there is, apparently, many a sexist joke about bowling not being a woman's game, as those with ample hips cannot keep to this straight line.

Bouncing the ball is strictly frowned upon, but Andy found it an effective method of scattering his pins. Andy, it transpired, was no novice; he spent last year in America, where he was a part-time bowling mechanic. So we were regaled with anecdotes and points of etiquette. For instance, a double palm-flap and a hearty "Yo!" is the standard recognition of a "strike".

This strike is what we were all aiming for, as it is the term for knocking the whole frame over on the first throw and is marked on screen by a gratifying red cross. With a strike you have the sum of your next two balls added to this score of ten points.

A "spare" is when you topple all ten with two shots and is marked by a red slash; for this you get the score of your next ball added to the ten points. As these carried-over points mount up, to say nothing of doubles, triples or "turkeys" (three successive strikes), the possibilities for big scores grow and grow.

Scoring can, therefore, get fairly complicated, and it was not until the arrival of computerised scoreboards from America in the second half of the 1980s that tenpin bowling started to make a comeback from near extinction in the 1970s. The seedy alleys of yesteryear were revamped with new technology and swish facilities. Renovation seems to have paid off: the number of centres in Britain has leapt from 45 in 1986 to almost 200 today.

This all-age, all-day activity is now marketed as nice, clean, family fun: there are school and youth club tournaments, "housewives' " handicaps and senior citizens' leagues. The British team competes in Europe and is trying to upgrade the game's status. It was even a demonstration sport at the Barcelona Olympics.

"The beauty of tenpin," says Peter Smith of the Tenpin Bowling Association, "is that an eight-year-old can beat his dad. It's a friendly game. It's not about aggressive play but about accuracy and the ability to roll the ball properly."

The atmosphere at Bellevue was certainly friendly, and players from the adjoining lane were eager to give tips. "It's all in the wrist action," the first bloke confided. Then, as I was pondering a more meaty number 12, another chipped in: "The weight doesn't matter, it's what you do with your feet. Lead with the left foot and slide your right foot out behind you." Whether it was the fancy footwork or the hefty number 12 I do not know, but I redeemed myself with my first strike.

By this stage, Jim was steaming ahead and, despite some sneaky foot-faults, his scoreline was peppered with scarlet slashes and crosses. He also managed to pull off a strike in the final round, thus earning an extra turn. The maximum score is 300, but anything above 120 is considered respectable. Luckily, Jim and Andy kept our end up with scores of 141 and 127.

Mother and I came bottom-equal with a meagre 59 points. Perhaps it was those child-bearing hips. Or perhaps today's students just spend too many hours in high-tech leisure traps. Either way, it turned out to be an entertaining evening.

● *GXsuperbowl, Bellevue, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester M18 7RA (061-223 4161). 10am-midnight daily. Admission 60p; the game costs £2.70 per player and shoe hire is 60p.*

Where to bowl 'em over



☐ **Birmingham:** GX Superbowl, Pershore Street, Birmingham B5 4RW (021-666 7525). 32 lanes. 10am-midnight all week. Admission 60p. Games £2.35-£2.75, juniors £2.05-£2.35. Shoes 60p.

☐ **Bournemouth:** Superbowl, Glen Fern Road, Bournemouth BH1 2LZ (0202 291717). 26 lanes. 10am-10.30pm all week. Admission 60p (weekends and evenings). Games £3.99 to bowl all day. Weekends adults £3.05, juniors £2.25, including shoe hire.

☐ **Bristol:** Superbowl, Brunel Way, Ashton Gate, Bristol BS3 2YZ (0272 221211). 39 lanes. Mon-Sat 10am-10.45pm. Sun 10am-10.15pm. Admission 70p. Games £2.80, juniors £2.30. Shoe hire 70p.

☐ **Cardiff:** Superbowl, 376 Newport Road, Cardiff CF3 7AE (0222 461666). 40 lanes. 10am-midnight every day. Admission 70p. Games £2.65, juniors £2.25. Shoe hire 70p.

☐ **Edinburgh:** Megabowl, Craig Park, Newcraighall Road, Edinburgh EH15 3RD (031-657 3731). 26 lanes. Mon-Fri 10am-midnight. Sat-Sun 10am-1am. Games £2.10-£3.10, juniors £1.70-£2.50. No admission or shoe-hire charges.

☐ **Glasgow:** Hollywood Bowl, Elliot Street, Glasgow G3 (041-248 4478). 32 lanes. 10am-2am all week. Games £1.35-£2.35, juniors £1.30. Shoes 50p.

☐ **Leeds:** Leeds Bowl, Merrion Centre, Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8BT (0532 451781). 30 lanes. 9.30am-1am all week. Games £2.20-£2.75, juniors £1.85-£2.20. Shoe hire 65p.

☐ **Liverpool:** Pleasure Island, International Festival Park, Riverside Drive, Otterspool, Liverpool L17 7HJ (051-728 7766). 20 lanes. 10am-midnight all week. £2.95-£5.95 admission allows unlimited play.

☐ **London:** Megabowl, 142 Streatham Hill, London SW2 4RU (081-671 5021). 36 lanes. 10am-midnight all week. Games £2.20-£3.25, juniors £1.80-£2.35. No admission or shoe-hire charges.

☐ **Manchester:** Whitecity Megabowl, Chester Road, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RP (061-876 5084). 44 lanes. Mon-Fri 10am-midnight. Sat-Sun 9am-1am. Games £2-£2.75, juniors £1.60-£2.75. No admission or shoe-hire charges.

☐ **Newcastle-upon-Tyne:** Newcastle Bowl, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE4 8RN (091-273 0236). 16 lanes. 10am-midnight all week. Admission: adults 65p, juniors 35p. Games £2.20-£2.70, juniors £1.85-£2.70.

☐ **Preston:** Megabowl, Capitol Centre, Walton-le-Dale, Preston (0772 884800). 34 lanes. Mon-Fri 10am-midnight. Sat-Sun 9am-1am. Games £2-£2.90, juniors £1.65-£2.40. No shoe-hire charges.

Ever since the Swiss explorer Burckhardt rediscovered Petra by chance in 1812, romantic travellers have made their way to the 'Rose Red' city. Our week long visit to Jordan includes 3 days in a comfortable hotel close to the site of Petra, the unique city of the Nabataeans, the Romans and the Crusaders. Also included is a two-night visit to the Dead Sea and visits to Amman.

This land has excited the imagination of the British since the days of Lawrence of Arabia and even before that when Victorian travellers would take many weeks to reach the site of Petra. Our week is the perfect opportunity for those who lack the time for a longer visit to the region. There will be sufficient time to explore at a relaxed pace and the convenient flight schedules allow us to make the most of our time in Jordan.

Itinerary Outline

Fly direct to Amman for an overnight stay at the Forum Hotel. City drive. Drive to Petra, en route visit Syagha and Madaba. Also visit Kerak, an important Crusader castle. Continue to Petra and stay 3 nights in the Petra Palace Hotel. Ride (or walk) through the *sig* to the Treasury. Climb Mount Sela, see the Theatre, the Roman Way, the monumental Arch, the Temple and the Royal Tombs. Climb to El Deir, Petra's largest monument. Optional excursion to Beida and Little Petra. Drive to the Dead Sea for a leisurely 2-night stay. Return to Amman by road for an overnight stay (optional excursion to Jerash), thence fly to London.

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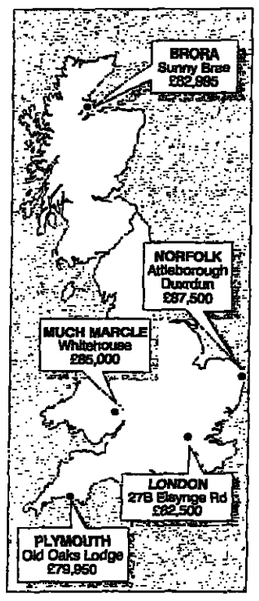
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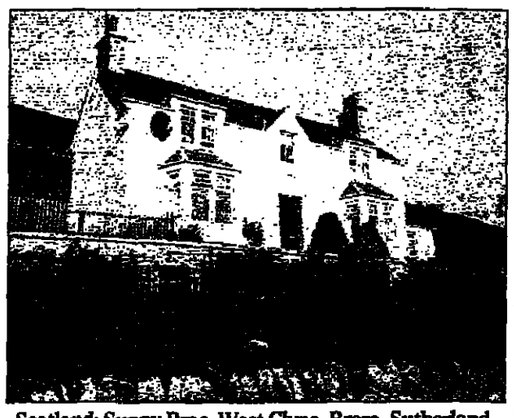
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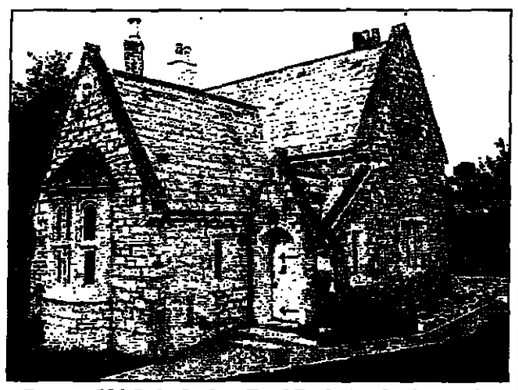
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Norfolk: "Duxrdun", Dodds Lane, Attleborough. 200-year-old detached cottage, with gardens and garage. Three bedrooms (one with en-suite bath), bathroom, entrance hall, living room with open fireplace, dining room, kitchen, utility room. Central heating. About £87,500 (GA Property Services, 0603 629821).



Herefordshire: The Whitehouse, Rushall, near Much Marcle. Half-timbered 18th-century cottage in five acres of gardens and paddocks, with views towards the Malvern Hills. One large bedroom, open-plan living room/corner kitchen with exposed beams and wood-burning stove, bathroom and WC. Central heating. About £85,000 (GA Property Services, 0432 276266).



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All ready to do the deed



Buyer's France

THE HOUSE PURCHASE

You have found a French property that you want to buy and you have agreed the price; now both you and the vendor will be required to sign a preliminary contract *(compromis de vente)*. You will be asked to pay a deposit of about 10 per cent of the purchase price. The contract is legally binding on both parties, and the deposit non-returnable, except in certain conditions.

Before signing the preliminary agreement, it is vital to know exactly what it contains. It is best to take it back to Britain and go through it with your legal adviser. There are a number of British-based solicitors who specialise in French conveyancing. Despite the single European market, English solicitors are not allowed to practice in France, unless they are members of the French bar. Legal firms in this country offering advice on French law have to work in liaison with French *notaires* and *avocats*.

Most legal firms charge about £100 to vet the agreement for you, and then by the hour for subsequent advice; or a flat fee of between £500 and £750 (depending on the price of the property and the amount of work involved) for taking you through the entire transaction.

Although the contract binds the buyer to the purchase, it still contains a number of escape clauses, known as "*conditions suspensives*". When you sign the *compromis de vente*, you will be asked whether you intend to seek a mortgage to pay for it. Even if you think you can purchase without a loan, it is important to retain the borrowing let-out clause *(clause suspensive de prêt)* within the preliminary contract.

If the borrowing clause is inserted and you are not subsequently able to obtain a loan for the stated amount, at the interest rate you expect to pay, you can get out of the contract and recover your deposit.

Another let-out clause concerns the planning certificate *(certificat d'urbanisme)*. Provided this clause is inserted and a satisfactory certificate obtained, you can get out of the contract and recover your deposit if the property is adversely affected by any planning requirement, such as a road-widening scheme. Other *conditions suspensives* can be included in the contract, provided the vendor agrees — a satisfactory structural survey, for example, although this would be less common.

The deposit is paid to a public official known as the *notaire*, whose job is to ensure that the sale transaction is carried out legally and accurately. He is also responsible for collecting the French equivalent of stamp duty and other taxes. The notaire is *not* a substitute for an independent solicitor. He has to remain neutral, even though all fees are usually paid by the purchaser.

Notorial fees (including taxes) are set by the government — usually about 10 to 12 per cent of the purchase price on properties over five years old; about 3 per cent on newly built property. French value-added tax, or TVA, levied on new homes at 18.6 per cent should already be included in the price, but do check.

The preliminary agreement can be signed in the office of the *notaire*, or posted from the UK. You can send the deposit, in the form of a cheque drawn on a French bank account, or a banker's draft (in French francs) from your British bank.

On receipt of the necessary funds for the purchase, the *notaire* will draw up the *acte de vente* (deed of sale) for you to sign. Ask for a draft copy of the deed of sale before completion and check it through carefully. On signing the *acte de vente* (always in the office of the *notaire*, unlike the *compromis*, which can be signed anywhere), the property belongs to you. Make sure to obtain a certified copy of the deed of sale from the *notaire* after it has been registered at the land registry.

Buying costs, including notorial fees, taxes and about 4 to 8 per cent for the estate agent, amount to between 15 and 20 per cent of the purchase price (the cheaper the property the higher the fees).

If you sell your French holiday home within two years of purchase, you must pay 33.5 per cent of the profit in French capital gains tax. Keep any receipts for any restoration work, because these can be set against your final tax bill. The longer you hold on to the property, the less tax you pay. A sale is free of French taxes after 32 years of ownership. You will only escape paying the tax on the sale of your French home if you have been a resident in France for tax purposes for at least a year and have owned the property for at least three years — provided you have held the property available for your use during that time, ie it has not been occupied by anyone else.

CHERYL TAYLOR

Where to get expert help

IF you don't speak French fluently (and even if you do), it is advisable to appoint a bilingual solicitor to protect your interests. Many readers of this column have written asking for details of solicitors in various regions of the UK specialising in French conveyancing. I hope the following list proves helpful:

● **LONDON**
Sally Osborne, Russell, Cook, Potter & Chapman, 2 Putney Hill, Putney, London SW15 6AD (081-789 9111)

● **EAST ANGLIA**
Stephen Smith, Prettys Solicitors, Elm House, 25 Elm Street, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2AD (0473 232121)

● **SOUTH WEST**
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● **MIDLANDS**
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● **NORTH OF ENGLAND**
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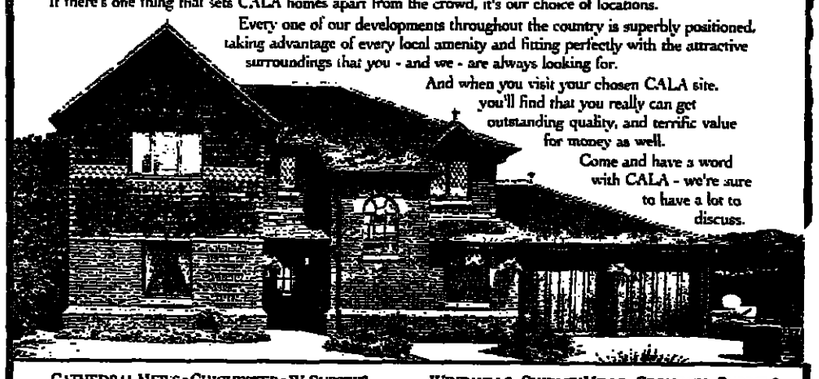
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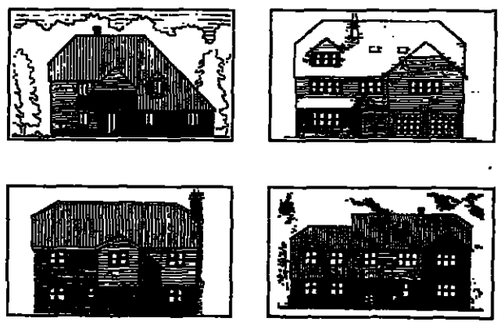
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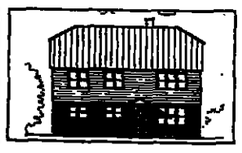
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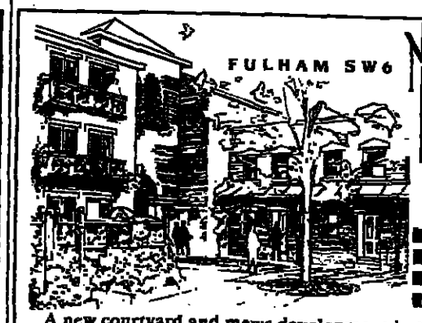
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☐ **BOUQUETS** Sonja Waites, director of Pulbrook & Gould (071-730 0030), advises: "Small tied posies look wonderful with the 1950s dresses. The old fashioned 'flowers over the arm look' (ie, cradled in one arm) is perfect for 1920s dresses. For this, you can use the highly popular white arum lily. With the riding habit look, try a large tied bunch of roses."

☐ **CAKE** A best seller for Nicola Easton is her chocolate fudge cake, complete with red icing and edible gold cupids. Colour co-ordinated cakes are in. From £250 for three tiers (081-740 8286).

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☐ **EXPENDITURE** The average cost of a wedding in 1993 is estimated by *You and Your Wedding* magazine at £9,149 — a snip compared to that of Mohammed, son of Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed al-Maktoum in 1981. It lasted seven days, was held in a purpose-built stadium in Dubai for 20,000 people, cost an estimated £22 million and is still a world record.

☐ **FLAUNT IT** Beach weddings abroad are on the up, and now the bridal bikini has arrived. A practical outfit (it does not take up too much room in your suitcase), it is made of pure silk and hand-sewn with shells and pearl beading. Available, made to order, direct from Karen Ashton Design only (0636 702238), from £1,000.

☐ **GUIDANCE** Watch out for Debrett's *Wedding Guide*, published in September by Headline, as a first-edition paperback. Author Jacqueline Llewelyn runs her own bridal consultancy (071-259 6090).

☐ **HATS** A modern bride's alternative to the traditional head-dress. With the equestrian look of nipped-in riding jacket over full, flowing skirt comes the old-fashioned riding hat (shaped like a top hat) worn with or without a veil. One such ivory silk riding hat with red rose/berry trim and 3ft veil costs £162, by Petals (for nearest stockist, ring 0532 461497).

☐ **IN-LAWS AT WAR** Beware the case of the Whites v the Smiths: bride Angie's parents (Liz and Norman Smith) had agreed to pay £836 to groom Chris White's parents (Cara and David) for laying on the reception food through a company they owned. Liz and Norman Smith later claimed the food was "no better than school dinners" and refused to pay. Last month they were ordered by the courts to pay the Whites £836 plus costs and interest.

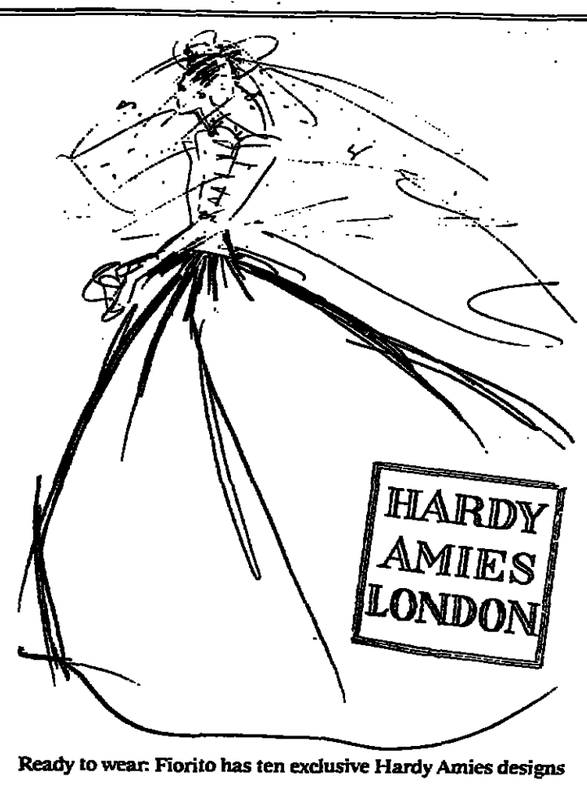
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☐ **KERFUFFLE** Overexcited pages and bridesmaids cause havoc in the aisle. *Follow The Bride* is a children's story book which prepares them for the big day. Available by mail order from Elaine Drake Lintylaw, Polbain, Achiltibuie, Ullapool IV26 2YW (£4.75 including postage).

☐ **LIST** A wedding list at Tiffany's need not cripple your friends financially, with champagne glasses starting at £10 and china plates from £25. As part of this new service, it will keep your list open for two years for other special occasions. (071-409 2790)

☐ **MEN ONLY** Upstairs at Michaeljohn in the Men's Treatment Room, the stressed-out groom-to-be can indulge himself in the Luxury Top to Toe package: manicure and pedicure, half hour sunbed session, one hour gommage (body scrub) and massage, one hour facial and a cut and blow dry. It lasts four and a half hours and costs £145 (from the Ragdale Clinic at Michaeljohn hairdressing, 071-409 2956).

☐ **NEW** Buzz words in dress designs for 1993 include: the Princess line (as chosen by Lady Helen Windsor last year), in panels with a flared skirt and no seam at the waist, and the Empress line (flared from below the bust). Favoured fabrics for the designer bride are Thai silk, tulle and flowing chiffon.



Ready to wear: Fiorito has ten exclusive Hardy Amies designs

☐ **OUTRIDERS** For attention-seeking brides, American-style outriders to escort the wedding car to the church cost from £185 per bike and rider. Contact Fleetwood Classic Limousines (071-624 0869).

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☐ **QUEEN'S COUTURIER** New for spring 1993: Hardy Amies's range of ten ready-to-wear wedding dresses, exclusively for Fiorito, from £1,295 to £2,395. Fiorito Bridal Designs, 3 Motcomb Street, London WIX 8JU (071-245 6564).

☐ **RINGS** Minimalist chic from Cartier in the form of Ellipse rings. A plain bangle-shaped ring in yellow, white or pink gold costs £600. (Gem-set with a sapphire or ruby, costing £975 and £1,450 respectively.) For stockists call 071-493 6962.

☐ **SCOTLAND** In Scotland a couple can marry anywhere — at the top of a mountain or in a hotel — if a minister is present. The proclamation of banns is no longer necessary, and you don't have to be a resident to marry there. Further information from General Register Office, New Register House, West Register Street, Edinburgh EH1 3YT (031-334 0380).

☐ **TASTE** Sarah Appleyard of The Admiral Crichton, party designers, reports: "People are trying to keep things very simple and not look as though they're spending lots of dosh. We've done marquees with no flowers whatsoever in them, just lots of topiary trees instead. They look dramatic but not over the top."

☐ **UNDERWEAR** The ultimate luxury of made-to-measure underwear is available at Rigby & Peller (071-589 9293). Experts in corsetry, they can also assist the bride in the last minute battle of the bulge.

☐ **VENUE** Second-timers marrying at a register office can compensate with a churchy venue for the reception. The Amadeus Centre is a converted Welsh Victorian chapel in London's Maida Vale. The upper hall accommodates 60, and the crypt-like lower hall with its vaulted ceiling makes an atmospheric dance area. (071-286 1686)

☐ **WILD WAISTCOATS** Tom Gilbey's Waistcoat Gallery offers off-the-peg and made-to-order designs costing from £270 to £325. A current favourite with fashion-conscious grooms is the Regency cut waistcoat in tapestry fabric.

☐ **XENOPHILES** Running off to the sun, in particular the Caribbean, to get married is increasingly popular (last year Thomson sent over 2,000 wedding couples overseas). Companies offering wedding packages include: African Safari Club (0279 465846), Cosmos (061-480 3929), Kuoni (0306 740500), Thomson (071-431 2077) and Virgin Holidays (0293 617181).

☐ **YOU AND YOUR WEDDING LIVE** If you live in or near London, it is not too late to make it along to this exhibition today at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, WC2. Everything from cakes to flowers, make-up demos to fashion shows, with an opportunity to meet the designers afterwards. The £14.50 tickets include a light meal.

☐ **ZODIAC** With the date, place and, if possible, time of birth of each partner, consultant astrologer, Robert Currey can produce a ten-page "compatibility profile" for £20. (The Astrology Shop, 071-497 1001)

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GARDENS

Cultivating a grand passion

Penelope Hobhouse, one of Britain's most influential gardeners, who is uprooting from the National Trust's Tintinhull after 14 years, describes the plans behind the garden she is creating at her new home in west Dorset

ANDREW LAWSON



Going private : Mrs Hobhouse in the National Trust garden at Tintinhull in Somerset

At the end of this year I am moving house, and to a garden which I am making for myself. Except for an enclosed walled area — heavy clay soil in an old kitchen garden that hasn't been worked for years — on one side of the house and an incomparable view of the hills of west Dorset on the other, there is nothing there: no trees, hedges, flowerbeds. This may sound thrilling but, considering that much of my livelihood comes from designing gardens for other people, it is proving surprisingly daunting.

Although I have an unspoilt canvas to work on, really a designer's dream site, I have a problem: I don't know how I shall enjoy becoming "private" after more than 20 years of being "open" to visitors. By November, I will have lived at Tintinhull in Somerset, as custodian for the National Trust, for 14 years.

The public are a constant spur to further effort: they are encouraging and sometimes damping, critical, observant. They also become friends, and I shall miss them. I sometimes think that, here at Tintinhull, my husband, John Malins, who died last August, and myself gardened for "approval". Without the visitors and the watchful eye of the NT maybe I won't want to garden at all.

However, of one thing I am certain: that without a creative interest in gardening, I would have found the six months since John died even more difficult. Fortunately, we shared this fanaticism for gardening, and going ahead with the plans for the new garden that we had discussed together has been life-saving. Having to work as if I were doing it for him seems to have kept me well and sane.

At any time, gardening, whether labouring or thinking and planning, seems to be curative. It is often said that the satisfaction of growing things gives gardening an edge over more sterile recreations. For me it is therapeutic, because I become so completely absorbed in what I am doing. I find the spit and polish of gardening compelling. I love the physical exercise, the fresh air, weeding, the smell of grass and flowers, producing and planting. Then, tired with that, I enjoy the challenge of the more cerebral side of it all.

Perhaps it is rewarding because you cannot ever achieve perfection, and the garden is never finished. You do not have to be a good gardener to take advantage of the healing powers of gardening, only to be a striver.

Of grand passions, gardening seems to be one of the most satisfactory and least dangerous, unless you include the possibility of becoming a bore on the subject. It can be done alone or in partnership, at almost any age and at comparatively little cost — that is, if you compare it to owning yachts or foxhunting. As an occupation it can be pursued on a personal and private level, or it can become a profession, so that gardening efforts — in the shape of a garden open to visitors, in writing and in design work — depend on the appreciation of others.

Often, the dividing line between private and professional gardening is crossed almost by chance, as it was for me. Also, given reasonable physical health and a bit of luck, it should be possible to potter in the garden to a ripe old age.

As I get older, the overall picture, has become more important to me than individual plants. Digging and planting is a bit like learning a grammar: once you have learnt it, it becomes automatic; you just get on with the job and your mind is free for other thoughts. Plants become the means to compose your pictures.

The intellectual stimulus comes before or afterwards; reading is an essential part of gardening. Technical and reference books help you with skills, but the history books and books about the aesthetics of gardening should always be within easy reach.

It is essential to absorb other people's opinions and to visit good gardens: sometimes they stimulate disagreement but more often they consolidate and clarify one's own gardening ethos. Sir George Sitwell's *On the Making of Gardens*, read 20 years ago, was seminal for me, as was Sylvia Crowe's *Garden Design*, and Russell Page's *The Education of a Gardener*.

Not surprisingly, given my years at Tintinhull, I have a penchant for the rhythms found in a classic Italian garden. Research for writing concentrates the mind wonderfully, just as advising other people on their gardens makes one's approach more disciplined. I am lucky to be both writer and designer.

Tintinhull, designed by the talented Phyllis Reiss in the 1940s and 1950s, is a magical garden. Its layout is essentially geometric and formal, with a series of enclosed "rooms" linked by paths and axial views. The planting themes, by contrast, are romantically informal, with beds and borders packed with interweaving shrubs and perennials. The verticals in the garden — trees, topiary and hedges — divide the space and give each section a feeling of secrecy and mystery.

Most of the features of my new garden are inspired by something at Tintinhull: a water canal, an arbour of clipped bay, secluded places to sit, cross axial pathways.

This spring, the first essential is to lay out the bones by getting in trees, paths and hedges. Most of the trees will have a domestic connotation — medium-sized crabs and thorns — while the hedges will split up the open spaces.

Garden and house are inextricably linked, as we made the design for the garden when we applied for planning permission to make the buildings habitable. Now, as planting begins and paths are laid out, the plan has to be fine-tuned.

The ruin we have converted was an early 19th-century coach house, attached to a walled kitchen garden. The adjacent cow byre, a lean-to against the outer garden wall, is now the drawing-room.

The front of the building faces approximately north into open country, the back opens into the abandoned garden to the south. This gives two separate gardens, to be linked by views through wide glass doors in the central hall.

Conical yews form an avenue running either side of the front and back. Avenue sounds rather grand, but does describe what is being planted; although the scale is small, there are four pairs of clipped yew shapes north and south of the house, and these set the style of the whole garden.

Our plan is very straight forward. The northern avenue of yew in the paddock is supplemented by outer rows of mulberries; with the yew these will frame and narrow the open views; further alleys of thorn complete a *patte d'oie* and hornbeam hedges are to make patterns to contain shaggy wild flower meadows. These are to be cut as seldom as possible, but the main yew vista will be mown regularly.

In the inner garden, the yews, also in grass, will flank a narrow water channel — more like the Generalife than Versailles — and converge on a seat and arbour under the far wall. On either side, hedges of evergreen oak hide the rest of the garden planting. Each pathway will be lined with hedges or trees to give a formal effect, views carefully aligned with doors or windows.

The detailed planting is still on the drawing-board; the Tintinhull influence is strong, but for the actual colours I will strike out on my own, with more sober greens, blues and golden foliage beds, less self-conscious colour manicuring in a garden in which I have only to please myself.

Francesca Greenoak, page 14





Top, Tintinhull House and, above, the beautiful formal pool that has inspired Mrs Hobhouse in her new garden design



From left, Danielle (aged 13) wears shirt, £35.99; and blue shirt, £25.99 ft

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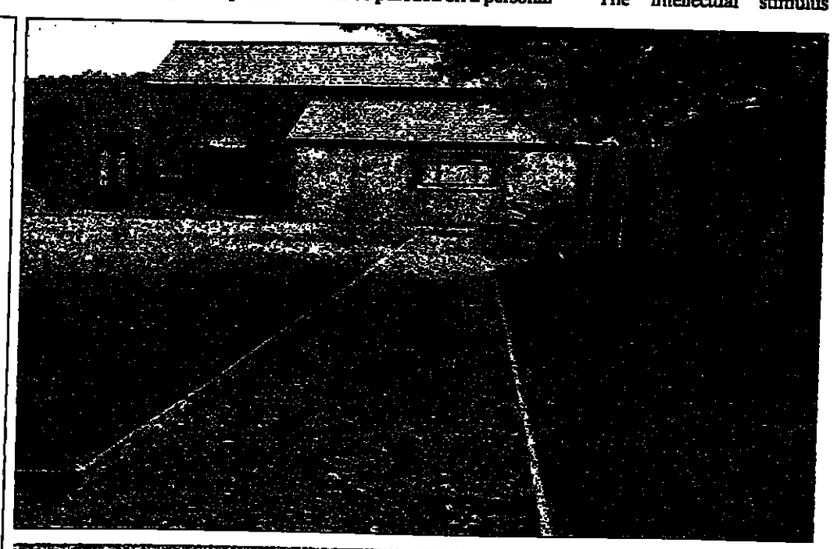
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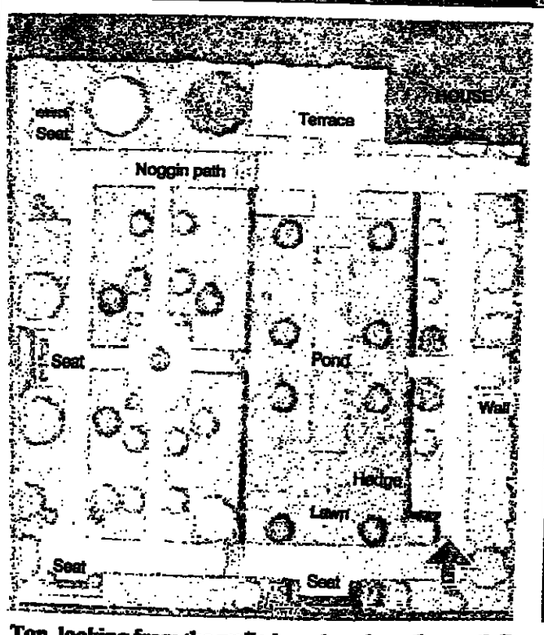
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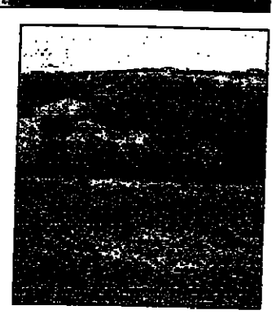
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Top, looking from the walled garden along the partially prepared path towards the restored house; above, Mrs Hobhouse's design for the walled garden, incorporating the formal pool (the arrow shows the spot from where the top photograph was taken). Right above, the view from Bettiscombe before planting; right below, looking north towards the walled garden before clearance

Here is a short test. What are DMs? Where is Shelly's? Who uses the terms "luv", "wibblesomeness" and "gorgesome fellas" ad gauseam (and what does it all mean)? How can it take 45 minutes *minimum* to put on a pair of tights and a scrap of black Lycra? What do adolescent girls think coathangers are for? And why don't they ever listen to their mothers?

If you know the answers to all, or indeed any, of these questions, you are either a) an adolescent girl, b) her martyred mother or c) the editor of *Just Seventeen*, which is, of course, number one on the hard-core curriculum required reading list for all girls too old for *Mother Goose* but too young for the Marquis de Sade. (A word of caution for the uninitiated: this august organ's problem page is not for the faint-hearted parent.)

If you are an a) or a b), you will also recognise the following dialogue, and be able correctly to identify the setting as any branch of Top Shop on a Saturday afternoon:

"Oh wow, look at this, this is just *great*, isn't this great? I can't *believe* it's in the sale look, it's marked down from £49 to £29, that's *fantastically* cheap, oh I love it, don't you love it? Can I just try it on? Please?"

"Don't be silly, dear. You cannot possibly wear that to your grandparents' golden-wedding dinner. The shock would kill them. The shame would kill me. Anyway, it's a 16. You're a 10. How about this little black velvet dress? That's nice."

"Oh *Mum*, for goodness sake. Get *real*. That's *disgusting*. I'd sooner wear a dustbin liner. Honestly, you *amaze* me. I thought you had *some* taste."

In the long war of words

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TOP

From left, Victoria wears blue jeans, £50, and checked jacket, £38, Chippie (as left); blue shirt, £19.99, Pepe (as left). Erin wears blue jeans, £35.99, and blue denim shirt, £35.99, Pepe (as left); blue checked jacket, £60, Benetton stores nationwide (for stockists, 071-731 4564). Danielle wears blue jeans, £50, Chippie (as left); blue vest top, £17.99, and checked shirt, £19.99, Pepe (as left).

ABOVE

Katharine (left, 14) wears blue jeans, £29.99, Next branches nationwide; blue corduroy shirt, £55, Chippie (as left); blue denim cap, £7, The Gap branches nationwide. Camilla (14) wears blue jeans, £29.99, and blue and white striped sweater, £29.99, Next (as above); white denim shirt, £35.99, Pepe (as left).

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s blue jeans, £60, and blue shirt, £65, Chippie, 3 Langley Court, Covent Garden, London WC2. Erin (14) wears blue jeans, £35.99, and blue denim epe (for stockists phone 081-459 1277); blue and white T-shirt, £54, Chippie (as above). Victoria (14) wears blue jeans, £35.99, e (as above); white T-shirt, £33, Chippie (as above). Eleanor (14) wears white jeans, £35.99, Pepe (as above); stonewashed denim shirt, £57, hippie (as above); blue baseball cap, £55, from a selection at Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, London W1.

WHAT TO WEAR

Mother and child rebellion

When industrial footwear and Clearasil arrive in the house, adolescent angst is not far behind. Sally Baker does battle with her daughter, Erin (below)

between a mother and a daughter that starts when she can form the words "Why should I?" and ends in an uneasy truce when she stops slamming your doors and leaves home to slam someone else's, clothes form an entire western front on which it is never all quiet for long.

My daughter Erin, aged 14, and I find ourselves currently locked in a post-pocket-money but pre-Saturday job stalemate, whereby if I am still bankrolling her major fashion purchases, I'm sure as hell going to be present when she makes them, since she is currently displaying all the style acumen for which adolescents are, of course, legendary. Heaven knows why she has failed to inherit my own flawless taste, but there you are, another of life's mysteries.

Hence the Top Shop Saturday scenario, an oft-repeated expedition which invariably ends in tears (mine) and bad language (hers), and can have only three possible outcomes: I win (and the purchase spends the rest of its life in a heap on the wardrobe floor), she wins (and I hate myself for giving in, and sneer every time she puts it on), or we compromise and buy something whose every subsequent outing is accompanied by dramatic declamations along the lines of "I'm only wearing this because *she* made me".

I am not an antediluvian bore who utters predictable parental clichés of the "when I was your age" variety, really I'm not. I mean, when I was her age, my mother was still choosing all *my* clothes for me (and they were *never* black), and I wore short white socks, even to ballroom dancing classes. I'm not saying my mother was a tyrant — although she wouldn't let me have my ears pierced until I was 34 — but by comparison I'm a liberal-minded pushover.

My advice is always constructive — "Yes darling, the bottle-green crushed velvet catsuit looks absolutely fabulous, if you don't mind it making your bottom look so big..." — and born of the purest of motives.

Jealous? Me? Of the fact that, while my back was turned, she has acquired legs up to her armpits, and a pert bottom, and curves in all the right places unlike my own, and long, thick, glossy hair and dark flashing eyes? Perish the thought (and anyway, she has also acquired acne, ha ha). If she goes with me to a cocktail party wearing the Lycra micro-skirt I encouraged her to buy because it showed off her lovely legs, and I hiss at her to at least have the decency to pull it down a bit, it's only because, well, men are looking at her lovely legs.

By way of self-defence, my precious is fast learning every trick of the manipulation trade that she hadn't already acquired before the age of two. Psychology? She could give lessons. Take the DMs (Doc Marten's, for you seriously uncool dudes). These are a variety of two-ton industrial footwear once found only on building sites but now to be seen on some of the daintiest feet about town, rendering wee wisps of girls virtually rooted to the spot by the weight at the end of their legs, so that they move about the local shopping mall in ponderous slow-motion, like Neil Armstrong on the moon — one small step for woman, one giant step for shoe manufacturers' profits.

She fired the first DM salvo long before Christmas. "Mum, I want a pair of black DMs." "I'd like, not I want, dear." "Shut up, Mum. Can I have them?" "No." "But they're so *practical*. I thought you'd be *pleased*. It's not *fair*." "Nobody said life's fair." (Even I can't believe I said that.)

She upgraded the weaponry. "Actually, I don't want plain black ones now. Wouldn't be seen dead in them. They're boring. What I *really* want is blue ones with flowers. Or purple ones. Or denim ones. Or red tartan platform ones."

Which is, of course, how we found ourselves in Shelly's, the temple of the industrial footwear cult at Oxford Circus, buying a simple little pair of plain black DMs for Christmas ("Do they come with a fork-lift truck, darling?" "Shut up Mum, you're not funny you know"), me pathetically congratulating myself on having got away without the red tartan ones, her looking smug.

Mostly I'm kidding. In fact, so far Erin and I have a fine mother-daughter relationship. She knows she can ask me anything (at 12, it was "Mum, when you kiss a boy, do you *have* to put your tongue in his mouth?" "Yes dear, it's compulsory." "Oh yuk."). She's smart, funny, and lets me borrow her Clearasil. I expect she'll go far. If the DMs don't slow her down.

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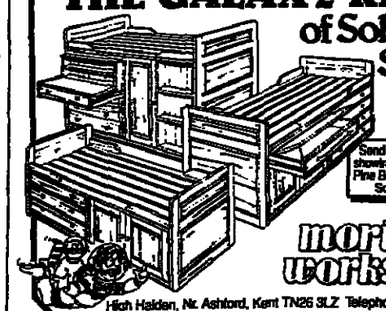
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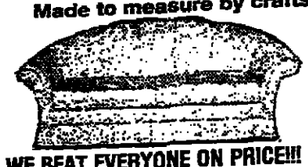
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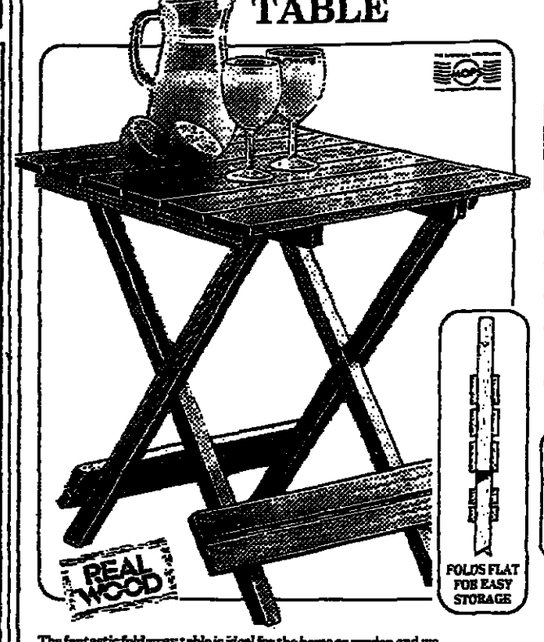
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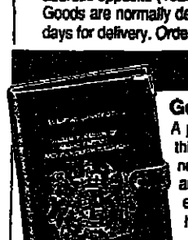
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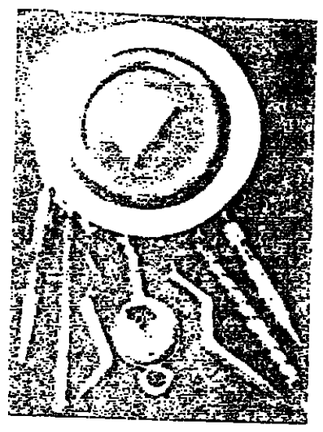
Nicole Swengley admires the diversity of jewellery today and suggests where to spot tomorrow's designers

Contemporary jewellery can be all things to all people. Designs square the circle from stylishly modern through whimsical and hippie, via evocatively medieval, outrageously suggestive and back to clean-cut and sophisticated. Whether made of new-style laminates, anodised aluminium, colourful enamels or precious metals and traditional gemstones, contemporary jewellery offers a tactile and highly individual way of expressing one's personality.

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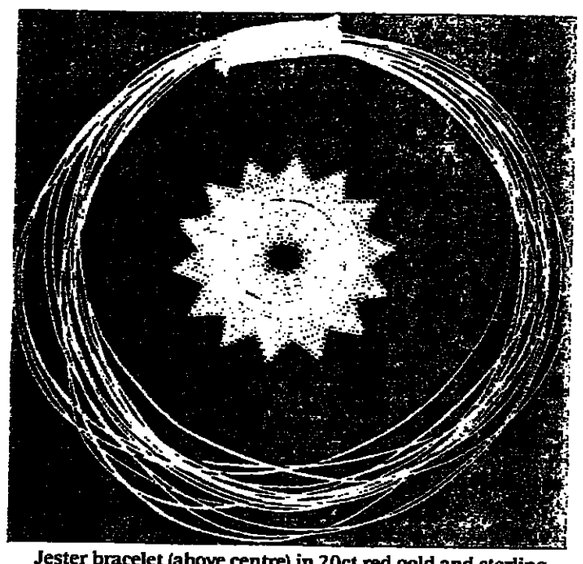
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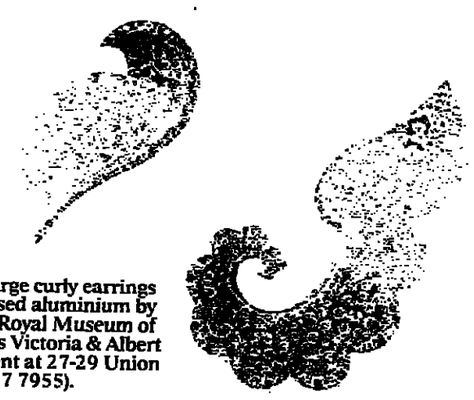
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Families also flourish under glass





MIKE SCOTT

Light, dry, warm and comfortable: all the virtues at the magnificent conservatory at Wallington Hall in Northumberland, where John Ellis (left) is the head gardener

Our conservatory, which is the latest adjunct to our house, has quickly become an inalienable part of the life of our family. About this time of year, during these chill days before spring arrives, we fold up the children's snooker table, spruce up the plants and enjoy the light, bright days and unseasonal scents and flowers. It is really lovely breakfasting there among the plants, and I would recommend a gardener with a nest-egg put by for a treat, to take advantage of recession-priced conservatories.

My ideal conservatory — the comfortable glasshouse, filled with flowers and foliage, where you can lounge, take your early morning coffee and read the papers, or while away the evening hours as the sun goes down — is difficult to achieve. Those designed either for plant or people comfort are much easier.

My recipe for a plants-and-people hybrid conservatory involves a tiled floor and an absence of curtains, soft blinds or cushions except for the few on the sofas, which are vacuumed frequently. The reason for this is that fabrics can make good homes for pests. Now that there is plenty of flower and foliage, the result is not the least bit Spartan.

We chose a wooden-framed conservatory for its warmth of character, but it requires repainting every few years, and we shall have to grit our teeth and get on with the job this summer. Ours came with its separate parts treated with an undercoat of microporous paint, over which we put two topcoats when the building was fully erected. I chose white to match the house, but the next repainting will be done in green (my husband's preference), which matches the traditional front doors of all the Rothschild cottages in this area, and does not glare, as white does in brilliant sun.

Aluminium structures, which are not only cheaper but look better with more modern houses, are usually supplied with durable, baked dry-powder coating. Unpainted aluminium, used for green-houses, will oxidise on its surface, forming a white patina but will also last for years without maintenance, while the modern synthetic material uPVC is also practically maintenance free.

Glass roofing is the best of the available options. Although the polycarbonates are being improved, all the roofs I have inspected look very scratched after a few years. Glass needs to be of a special toughened quality. Double glazing is expensive but it means slightly less heat-loss in winter and, more importantly, fewer problems with condensation.

I am glad we followed advice to add a little coloured paint to the Artex used on the inside brickwork. It is hardly noticeable but satisfactorily cuts down dazzle. Another thing we learnt was to make roof windows a priority in our specification. These are essential to good ventilation and, despite the expense, are a necessity, not a luxury.

Since conservatories are a favoured point of entry for thieves, make sure that doors and windows have locking fittings. Some ingenious fittings can lock the window in a half-open position. This allows the air to circulate, while also giving reasonable security.

Plants thrive if they can have a spell outdoors in summer so, apart from very large specimens and those growing up trellises, we try to give ours a spell on the terrace. Each year, in February or March, small plants may need to be repotted, and those in larger pots should have some of the compost replaced with fresh material and the roots trimmed back if necessary. Some plants, such as citrus and the buddleia-like Nicodemia, need to be pruned around now.

On the whole, people prefer hotter conditions than plants, but it is nearly always expensive to heat conservatories. However, most plants will survive the winter at fairly low temperatures, especially if they are kept on the dry side. In the cold Northumberland climate, the conservatory at Wallington Hall has sheltered an ancient fuchsia, whose trunk has now reached a mighty 23cm diameter. Radiators or, even better, underfloor heating are ideal in domestic circumstances. Beware systems that switch off at night, which is fine for you, tucked up in bed, but hopeless for the conservatory plants suffering their coldest conditions.

Our wood stove is highly unsophisticated, so we hedge our bets with a night storage heater, switched to the latest possible heat-release setting, backed up with a Jemp thermostatically controlled fan-heater. I prefer fan-heaters because they create air circulation and a dry rather than damp heat. So far, this system has worked well: it is reasonably economical and, although the winter temperatures are a bit chill, all the plants survive. A max-min digital thermometer startled me with its revelations of the incredible temperature fluctuations in February or March.

In the high temperatures of summer, the priorities are to provide water and humidity. Watering the small pots twice a day is not as onerous as it seems. I go around with the watering can in the early morning and at dusk and, especially on days when I'm exceptionally busy, I have come really to enjoy this daily dialogue with my plants.

● *Conservatory and greenhouse exhibitors at the International Spring Gardening Fair at Wembley (April 8-12), sponsored by* The Times, *will be showing a range from patio mini-conservatories and pint-sized greenhouses to elegant Victorian-style conservatories. Talks on conservatories and conservatory gardening will be given in the Avon Room, Thursday-Sunday. Full details of the fair, including times and reduced tickets offer, are in this week's* Saturday Review, *page 4-1.*

BEST BUYS

THE first outdoor sowings mark the real beginning of the new season. Make sure you have spring onion (White Lisbon) and radish seed (Crystal Ball or French Breakfast) for early sowings. You can begin to sow from this week in light soils in a warmish situation. However, leave the sowing for a week or so if the soil in your area is heavier. Do not throw out old radish seeds: they can last for ten years or more if stored in a dry, cool place. Sow both crops thinly so that they do not require thinning later on.



French Breakfast radishes

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Continue planting fruit trees and bushes, preparing the ground first, removing all weeds and adding a handful of bonemeal to the soil.*
- *Prune winter-flowering jasmine* (Jasminum nudiflorum) *now the flowers have faded.*
- *Avoid walking on frosted or water-logged lawns.*
- *Divide clumps of snowdrops and replant when flowers have faded but leaves are still green.*
- *Sow sweet peas in deep seed trays or individual pots.*

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NEWCASTLE: First week of the RSC's five-week season. At the Theatre Royal David Thacker's exquisite *As You Like It* with Kate Buffery; at the Playhouse Max Stafford-Clark's rousing production of Brome's *A Jovial Crew*. **Theatre Royal**, Grey Street, and **Playhouse** (091-232 2061). All perfs Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm.

NORWICH: Award-winning Plain Clothes Productions starts tour of Phil Smith's "brutal comedy" *Mrs Ceausescu's Organisation of Love*, set in Romania in the 1930s and 1989. **Walter Roy Theatre**, Hewell School, Cecil Road (0603 628181). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm.

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Operatic parable: players in Curlew River opening the Festival of Britten (see Music)

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CLASSICAL

FESTIVAL OF BRITTEN: The month-long festival gets underway on Thursday with a performance in St Giles, Cripplegate by students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (6pm) of *Curlew River*, the first of the composer's three "Parables for Church Performance", chamber operas influenced by Japanese Noh theatre. The concert is performed again next Saturday. This is followed at 7.30pm in London's Barbican Hall by the first of the LSO's concerts under the festival's artistic director, Mstislav Rostropovich. The programme comprises Britten's arrangement of the slow movement of Mahler's Symphony No 3, Shostakovich's Symphony No 14 (dedicated to Britten) and the world premiere of *Memorial*, by Colin Matthews. Soprano Elena Prokina is the soloist. **Barbican** (071-638 8891).

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OPERA

TURANDOT: Andrei Serban's reliable production gets another airing at the Royal Opera House. Mark Ermler conducts. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonight, Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm.

UN BALLO IN MASCHERA: The late Göran Järvefelt's gripping production of Verdi's opera is revived at WNO with a fine cast that includes Richard Margison, Lisa Gasteen, Donald Maxwell, Anne Marie Owens and Rebecca Evans. Carlo Rizzi conducts. **New Theatre**, Cardiff (0222 394844), Mon, 7.15pm.

COSI FAN TUTTE: Clare Venables stages Mozart's dark comedy (using Jeremy Sams's English translation) for English Touring Opera (Opera 80 as was). Ivor Bolton conducts. Performances alternate with Tim Hopkins's production of Verdi's *Falstaff*. **Sadler's Wells**, London, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon, Wed, Fri (Cosi), Tues, Thurs, next Sat (Falstaff), 7.30pm.

IMPRESSIONS DE PELLEAS: Following its Paris airing, Peter Brook's small-scale reworking of Debussy's *Pelleas et Mélisande* receives its only UK performances in Glasgow. The music has been adapted for two pianos, and the piece has been compressed into the space of 100 minutes. **Tramway**, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Tues-next Sat, 8pm.

ROCK

DINOSAUR JR: The arch exponents of slacker music appear on an exciting bill with Bettie Serveert and Come. **Glasgow**, Barrowlands (041-552 4601), today, 7.30pm. **Leeds**, Town and Country (0532 800100), tomorrow, 7pm. **Nottingham**, Rock City (0602 412544), Mon, 7.30pm. **Manchester**, Academy (061-275 2930), Wed, 8pm. **Birmingham**, Hummingbird (021-236 4236), Thurs, 7pm. **Cardiff**, University (0222 396 421), Fri, 7.30pm.

ERIC CLAPTON: The rock star offers 12 rhythm and blues dates, slightly rearranged to accommodate a trip to the Grammy Awards for which he has received nine nominations. **Albert Hall**, London, SW7 (071-589 8212). Today-Tues, Fri, next Sat, Mar 1-3, 5-7, 6.45pm.

SUEDE: It is crunch time for this highly touted new band. This is their largest tour to date and they are about to release their eponymous debut album. **Portsmouth**, Pyramid Centre (0705 877895), Wed, 7.30pm. **Exeter**, Lemon Grove (0392 263540), Thurs, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

DON CHERRY QUARTET: The great jazz innovator and pioneer of cultural crossbreeding through his exploration of world or "primal" music as he calls it, embarks on a welcome tour, culminating at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall on March 1. **Glasgow**, City Hall (041-227 5511), Thurs, 8pm. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Fri, 8.30pm.

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AIRTO AND FLORA PURIM'S FOURTH WORLD: The Brazilian husband and wife partnership returns to provide an airy symphony of jazz and Latin rhythms. **Ronnie Scott's**, London, W1 (071-439 0747), from Mon for four weeks, 8.30pm.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE: English National Ballet was looking for a more old-fashioned version of this Tchaikovsky classic, so it turned to the former Bolshoi ballerina Raissa Struchkova for a new production to replace the one by Natalia Makarova dropped from the repertoire. While Struchkova is providing is an old Bolshoi staging, which features all the traditional elements, including the mime and character dances dropped by Makarova. The designs, by Carl Toms, are from a 1982 ENB production. **Mayflower Theatre**, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771). Today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm. Mon-next Sat, 7.30pm, special reduced price matinee, Wed, 2.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: London's festival of contemporary dance continues with Small Axe (tonight), a choreographic partnership involving ex-Rambert dancers. Jonathan Burrows gives a final London showing to his carefully-observed *Very* (Mon and Tues), while Mark Murphy's V-Tol Dance Company looks at the question of murder in *Headshot* (Thurs to next Sat). But the oddest offering of the week must be Nikky Smedley's *Rock*, which takes place on a climbing wall at the Sobell Leisure Centre in north London; some of the performers are dancers, some are climbers. **The Place Theatre**, 17 Duke's Road, London, WC1 (071-387 0031). All performances at 8pm, except *Rock*, Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, London, N7 (071-387 0031), Thurs to next Sat, 7.30pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

BT NEW CONTEMPORARIES: The works in this annual show by new graduates, or second or third-year students at art schools, have been selected this year by Guy Brett, Derek Jarman and Marina Warner. Sixteen of the artists are women, and while a number make unclassifiable installations, there is also an estimable amount of painting and sculpture. **ICA**, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647). Daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues to 9pm). From Tues to Mar 28.

THE LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR: The eighth Annual Print Fair sees it well established at the Royal Academy boasting carefully screened dealers, high quality and modest prices. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 11am-6pm, from Thurs to next Sun.

LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR: This hands-on exhibition for children promises the chance to eat wartime dishes, try on gas masks and survive the "Blitz Experience". **Imperial War Museum**, Lambeth Road, London, SE1 (071-416 5000). Today to next Sun, sessions at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, bookable on 071-416 5311.

BARCLAYS YOUNG ARTIST AWARD: In its ninth year the award shortlisted nine artists from post-graduate shows at four London art schools, Chelsea, Goldsmiths, the Slade and the Royal College. Only one of the artists actually paints, most make installations and use photography and video. Final week **Serpentine Gallery**, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075). Daily, 10am-6pm, until next Sun.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT GALLERY: This new permanent display consists of the only complete interior by Lloyd-Wright anywhere in Europe. **Victoria & Albert Museum**, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8441). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm.

REGIONAL

BOUDIN AT TROUVILLE: The artist was an important precursor of the impressionists but also a distinguished figure in his own right. Final week. **Burrell Collection**, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, until next Sun.

EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF: An ambitious travelling exhibition originating in Rotterdam, receiving its only British showing in Liverpool, brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. **Liverpool Museum**, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until Apr 18.

AN ENGLISH ARCADIA: This show brings together some 120 drawings made for National Trust gardens between 1600 and 1900. Included are works by Sir John Vanbrugh and Capability Brown. Final week. **City Museum**, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol (0272 223571). Mon-Sun, 10-5pm, until next Sun.

IGOR MITORAJ: Though his might seem an urban talent, it is surprising how well the sculptures of this Polish/Italian artist work against the lush greens of the YSP's formal gardens. **Yorkshire Sculpture Park**, Bretton Hall, West Bretton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire (0924 830579). Daily, 10am-6pm, until spring.

BOOKINGS

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: The high-powered Almeida Theatre staging of Rattigan's play on infatuation will transfer to the Richmond Theatre after its sell-out run at the Almeida. It is directed by Karel Reisz, with Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache in the cast. **Richmond Theatre**, Richmond (081-940 0088). Mar 9-13; Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN: Janet Suzman directs Timothy West and Sheila Allen in Miller's moving play. The Theatr Clwyd production goes on tour after its opening in Mold this month. **Glasgow**, Theatre Royal (041-332 9000), Mar 9-13. **Cardiff**, New Theatre (0222 394844), Mar 15-20. **Malvern**, Festival Theatre (0684 892277), Mar 22-27. **Swansea**, Grand Theatre (0792 475715), Mar 29-Apr 3 **Woking**, New Victoria Theatre (0483 761144), Apr 5-10.

LAURIE BOOTH: Anish Kapoor, the British sculptor and 1991 Turner prizewinner, has created the designs for Booth's latest dance creation *River Run*, which will open in London next month as part of the Spring Loaded festival, prior to a nationwide tour. The piece features an "octophonic sound environment" from Booth's long-time collaborator, Hans Peter Kuhn **Horsham**, Arts Centre (0403 268689), Mar 19 (preview). **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Mar 27, 28. **Snape**, Maltings (0728 453543), Apr 10. **Bristol**, Arnolfini (0272 299191), Apr 23, 24. **Taunton**, Brewhouse (0823 283244), May 5. **Sheffield**, Crucible (0742 769922), May 16, 17. **Newcastle**, Playhouse (091-232 7079), May 20.

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour, for so long principal stars of the Royal Ballet, come together to dance artist L.S. Lowry and his mother in Gilhan Lynne's *Simple Man* at Leeds next week and at specific performances in a nationwide tour. The ballet has been one of Gable's most prominent successes for the company. Two new ballets will receive their world premiere on the same bill. Derek William's jazzy *Extension*, and *D'Ensemble* by the acclaimed choreographer, Graham Lustig. **Leeds**, Grand (0532 459351/440971), Feb 27-Mar 6. **Darlington**, Civic (0325 486555), Mar 9-13 **Brighton**, Theatre Royal (0273 28488), Mar 23-27. **Sheffield**, Lyceum (0742 769922), Mar 30-Apr 3 **Bath**, Theatre Royal (0225 448844), Apr 20-24. **Canterbury**, Marlowe (0227 767246), May 11-15. **Nottingham**, Theatre Royal (0602 482626), June 8-12. **Newcastle**, Theatre Royal (091-232 2061), Jun 29-July 3.

NEW VIDEOS

THE ADJUSTER (Tartan Video, 18): Director Atom Egoyan's customary tale of voyeurism, fantasy and displaced persons. Visually seductive, but we have been here before. Starring Elias Kotias and Arsinée Khanjian. 1991.



Slobbering superstar: the canine hero of Beethoven

BEETHOVEN (CIC, U): A slobbering St. Bernard brings disaster and joy to the suburbs. Adequate family comedy with Charles Grodin and Bonnie Hunt; the dog, though, is the true star. Director, Brian Levant. 1992.

DR STRANGELOVE (4 Front Cinema, PG): Stanley Kubrick's bitterly funny, thought-provoking and visually stunning satire on the military mind. Three character turns from Peter Sellers: the US president, an RAF captain, and a classic mad scientist. 1963.

UNE FEMME EST UNE FEMME (Electric, PG): Jean-Luc Godard's larky, discursive love letter to Paris, Anna Karina (then his wife), and the spirit of MGM musicals. Made in 1961, when the New Wave was young.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music, Opera:** Ian Brunskill; **Rock, Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kan Knight

EVENINGS OUT

WILL ALSOP ARCHITECT



"I'd love to be at Olympia for the world title fight tonight between Chris Eubank and Lindell Holmes. I like the idea of going to big sporting events even though I'm not a great sports fan. I'd go for the sense of occasion and there's bound to be an extraordinary atmosphere there tonight. I do hope to catch the Barclays Young Artist Award exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery [until next Sun]; it's had such bad reviews it's bound to be interesting. Modern art isn't easy, and that brings out the worst in many critics, I feel. I'm intrigued by the new film *The Living End* by Gregg Araki. He's a young American film-maker who openly admits to being influenced by European film-makers. That strikes me as an interesting role reversal. *Life on the Home Front in the Second World War* is the name of the new exhibition for children at the Imperial War Museum [today to next Sun]. At half-term my children need to be amused . . . "

WORD-WATCHING

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WEDELN

(c) A skiing technique using a swaying movement of the hips to make short parallel turns, from the German *wedeln* in the same sense: "The reverse shoulder technique of wedeln, or godille as the French call it, has become so universal among first-class racers of all nations that no one using the classical rotation can hope to be placed in a serious race."

LAMDAN

(a) A person learned in Jewish law, a Talmudic scholar, from the Hebrew *lamdōn*, literally one who has learned, from *lāmadh* to learn: "In Radziwill there lived a lamdan, a scholarly Jew. All day long he studied, while his wife attended to the shop." "He lives in the ideal Jewish world, where the rabbi is the lamdan."

COCUM

(a) Used without precise grammatical reference for that which is (a) advantageous, lucky (b) proper, correct, adapted from the Yiddish *kochem*: "No one was allowed to get drunk; the governor said as how it wasn't cocum." "It's about 6d a night to me for singing and patter in the tap-room. That's my cocum (advantage)."

RESILIUM

(b) The resilient central part of the hinge of a bivalve, which tends to force apart the two valves, from the Latin *resilire* to jump back, recoil + *-ium* neuter ending: "Nacreous shells possess elutinous hinge-joints consisting of conchyolin disposed in a dual fashion as resilium — more or less in the centre of the hinge-base — and ligament to the right and left of it."

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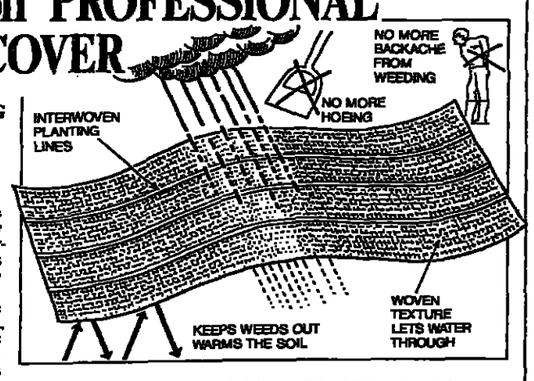
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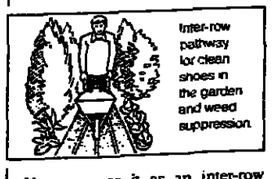
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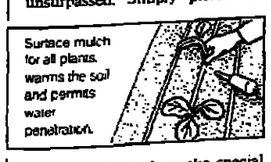
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THEATRE: The first night of a new production at the National; and a Michael Frayn revival in Sheffield

A trip too often to the Wells

DONALD COOPER



Trelawny of the National: Helen McCrory — a new and spectacularly blossoming Rose — Nicola Redmond and Adam Kotz

Pinero may not have been Wilde, and his *Trelawny* not *The Importance of Being Earnest*; but both have the power to charm and amuse. Did not even Shaw, the mortal enemy of the great white father of late-Victorian "society drama", declare that his backstage comedy had "a certain delicacy which makes me loth to lay my critical fingers on it"?

That is why I do not feel, as some clearly do, that the arrival of a second *Trelawny* on the South Bank within days of a first one closing on Shaftesbury Avenue is as disgraceful as a Royal Shakespeare Company revival of *Which Witch*. Indeed, I expected the National to teach the West End a lesson in fluency and sophistication.

That does not fully happen. If the production at the Comedy was bright and brittle, and sometimes gave the impression that Pinero's family of thespians had not been introduced to each other, John Caird's revival seems slow and even laborious. Part of the fault may belong to a playwright who could be awfully painstaking when it came to setting up situation. But that hardly excuses a first act whose sentimental merriment is supposed to be in marked contrast to the wintry happenings of the second. Here, the comparison between theatrical exuberance and Mayfair frigidity might be one between January and February.

Trelawny of the Wells
Olivier

The first-act party is for Rose Trelawny, flower of the mid-Victorian theatre, who is leaving Sadlers Wells to marry the nob Arthur Gower. Then John Napier's cosy parlour disappears, and on shunts the glacial tableau he has designed for the second act: Arthur's grandfather and great-aunt snoozing beneath fluted columns while all else perch in awed silence. With Robin Bailey adding a menacing edge to bleats and wails rather similar to those Michael Hordern brought to the role of the tyrannical Sir William Gower, and Helen McCrory's Rose seething in furious protest, the scene is more plausible than at the Comedy. Yet it too tends to drag.

Things look up after the interval, when a disillusioned Rose returns to the Wells, a rejected Arthur runs off to become an apprentice actor, and reconciliation occurs during the first rehearsal of a new play by their friend, Tom Wrench; but not as much as the talent on display promises. After all, here is Michael Bryant comically flaunting himself as a ham actor, Nicola Redmond exuding callow grandeur as an actress on the make, and Adam Kotz flinging about in frustration as Wrench, the character Pinero based on the pioneer of "cup-and-saucer" realism, T.W. Robertson. Above all, here's a fine performance from the little-known Helen McCrory: a Trelawny who moves from joy to restless exasperation, from triumphant confidence to unostentatious grief, with an emotional authenticity that makes Sarah Brightman at the Comedy look a pretty artificial Rose.

What is wrong? Is the Olivier too forbidding a space for so genial an exercise in theatrical nostalgia? Or has Caird, who directed so many good things for the RSC, brought some of that company's more questionable traits to the National, notably a tendency rather earnestly to look for sub-text and depth in places where they are as elusive as diamonds in a sandpit? Whatever the answer, it will take a third revival to get *Trelawny* right.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Flat champagne? A rather disappointing Frayn revival

An artifice in ivory

Donkeys' Years
Crucible, Sheffield

IT IS nearly two decades since Michael Frayn's comedy about an Oxbridge college reunion first delighted audiences and won awards. Its combination of character humorously observed and frantically farcical situations looks forward to the delirious joy of *Noises Off*. Michael Rudman, an old hand with the play, now directs it on his new patch at Sheffield: and it must be said that 18 years on, the comedy betrays a certain mechanical flatness.

The production is discreetly in period, to judge by the men's subtly flared trousers and the dialogue anticipating the end of the century in 20 years' time. This gives a clue to the unease that both style and substance generate. Is it a period piece or not? There is no reason why the high jinks of a mainly privileged Oxbridge world should seem dated. Oxbridge still exists, and still somehow confers privilege on its acolytes by mere contact. But there seems something very heartless in the mockery of the frightful little prole, derided for his greyness and his accent. Heartless and inaccurate. Such people can end up as prime ministers.

The militant young don who supports the college staff's industrial action arouses an almost romantic nostalgia. Today his ruthlessly managerial counterpart would have very different priorities. Conversely, the cabinet minister's gibbering panic at the threat of a sexual scandal, which might destroy him and the government and the pound, has an added edge — given the recent preoccupations, and the power, of the press — that kills the joke stone dead.

If the play's social assumptions seem almost cosily innocent, Frayn's ear for the absurdities of polite conversation remains as sharp as ever. The opening scene charts the arrivals of college members for a reunion after 20 years. Contemporaries of varying abilities and temperaments skirt one another with wary geniality, uttering those wonderfully meaningless platitudes with which the British paw the ground, mark time and sniff each other out.

There is a danger that viewed from the new egalitarian society, the punting classes blur into an unvaried upper-class caricature. If memory serves, the original cast offered more differentiated characterisations, though Sheffield gets off to a good start with Simon Williams and Nicky Henson. Two expert comic actors, they play together as ministerial smoothie and successful surgeon with snap, style and obvious pleasure. Give them 20 more years and then Pinter's *No Man's Land*.

The director distances the play from us by going for stylised and sometimes — as with Phil Fox's whoopingly camp clergyman — broad performances. Alison Fiske, as the undergraduate pin-up turned titled pillar of respectability, has warmth and vulnerability where the original. Penelope Keith, had comic fluster. Her shorter stature makes her assumption of two male disguises in the frenzied climax of chase, concealment and confused identities, look very artificial indeed.

MARTIN HOYLE

RECORD REVIEWS: Sounds of the Seventies updated, five albums of Richter, and the latest Lou Rawls project

Turning back the decades in style

ROCK

So far, the notion that the 1990s are turning into a rerun of the 1970s has produced plenty of laughs but little of substance. We have seen Rolf Harris gingering up "Stairway to Heaven" with his wobble-board on *Top of the Pops*, Erasure pretending to be Abba, and girls in ludicrously flared trousers, that sort of thing. But not much to trouble the rock analysts of the future when they look back with a view to chronicling the development of serious musical trends.

Now, with the release of an outstanding debut by **The Auteurs**, there is, at last, an album which takes its inspiration from the 1970s yet boasts a vision and intrinsic merit that bears comparison with the best music from any decade.

Audaciously titled *New Wave* (Hut Recordings HUT7), it creates a quasi-fantasy world of the sort in which Bowie's Ziggy Stardust used to exist. Dotted with references to stars, satellites, stardust and even a starchild, the songs offer a rogues' gallery of characters — a showgirl bride, a housebreaker, a murderous valet, a pair of idiot brothers — all sprung like strange genies from the imagination of singer, songwriter and guitarist Luke Haines.

Haines, who used to play in a group called the Servants, started the Auteurs with bassist Alice Readman and drummer Glenn Collins little more than a year ago. Their development since seems unnaturally rapid these days. But then Haines clearly has a natural gift for producing heart-tugging melodies which he sings in a quavery English voice directly descended from that of Ray Davies of the Kinks.

> The Auteurs have developed considerably in just a year

The Auteurs toured with Suede last year, and while the Auteurs' music is of a more delicate and melodic persuasion, if there is to be a palace revolution of 1970s-influenced music, then this album unquestionably qualifies them to play the role of the Clash to Suede's Sex Pistols.

In contrast to the free-flowing, romantic spirit of *New Wave*, there is a smug, calculated tone to **Saint Etienne**'s new album, *So Tough* (Heavenly HVNLP6). Reaching the shortlist of last year's Mercury Music Prize with their 1991 album *Foxbase Alpha* has clearly not curbed the trio's appetite for fluffy pop themes wrapped in packages that are too artfully knowing for their own good.

Saint Etienne have been called "electro-bedsit futurists", which means that they play clever but ultimately soppy pop songs while indulging a magpie mentality to the hilt, plundering snippets of speech from movies and documentaries and throwing in the odd sound effect or loopy guitar phrase to reaffirm their position near the cutting edge.



The Auteurs: a debut album to compare with any

Singer Sarah Cracknell has a seductive voice, and once the artifice is peeled away there are some attractive melodies. "Junk the Morgue" has a beautiful lilt, and "Calico" splices an Eastern-sounding chant and an eerie rap by guest lyricist Q-Tee with real panache. But too often their songs are vehicles for striking an emotionally sterile pose.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Raw live show of deep blues

JAZZ

Horn arrangements by Benny Golson and Hank Crawford, and guest appearances by Lionel Hampton, Plas Johnson and Buddy Guy among others: **Lou Rawls** has no shortage of high-calibre musicians supporting on his new project. A consummate performer who has made all too few appearances in this country recently, he has found it difficult to reproduce the raw energy of his live shows when he enters the studio. *Portrait of the Blues* (Manhattan 799548-2) makes a deeper impression than either of his recent Blue Note outings.

With Steve Khan's guitar growling in the background, Rawls makes a swaggering entrance on "I Just Want to Make Love to You", one of two Willie Dixon numbers. A duet with Phoebe Snow on "A Lover's Question" never quite catches fire, and Hampton's fleeting contribution to "Saturday Night Fish Fry" is routine enough, but Rawls soon gets back on course with the help of Golson and Crawford's charts.

His voice has lost none of its velvet sheen. He is at his most compelling when he is not forced to compete with a heavy backbeat. There are times when you cannot help thinking that all he really needs behind him is a quiet, unobtrusive trio.

After mixed results with an overbearing fusion trio, **Michel Petrucciani** goes solo on *Promenades with Duke* (Blue Note 7805902), in which Ellington themes are dissected with microscopic precision. The variations are inexhaustibly inventive, particularly in the recasting of the skeletal melody of "African Flower".

Yet, as with Joe Henderson's acclaimed set of Billy Strayhorn tunes last year, the romantic essence of the originals often goes untapped. Ellington's fans may well feel that the master did it all with rather more wit and economy on *Piano Reflections*.

Petrucciani's best work to date can be found on *Power of Three*, a 1986 collaboration with Wayne Shorter and the guitarist **Jim Hall**. Among musicians, Hall enjoys a formidable reputation as an accompanist who stays two or three steps ahead of his partners in any situation.

All Hall's skills are on display in *Live at Village West* (Concord CCD-4245) an enchanting low-key series of duets with the bassist Ron Carter, taped in 1982. The dialogue seldom falters, and best of all neither man feels obliged to fill the silence simply for the sake of it.

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One inspired man and his piano

CLASSICAL

Needless to say, Decca's five new **Svyatoslav Richter** releases are gems: invaluable documents giving insight into the work of one of the great pianists, who yet has recorded comparatively little of the solo repertoire. Their provenance varies; most are live performances.

Volume One, a double album that preserves a concert Richter gave in February 1989 at the Yamaha Hall in Vienna (Decca 436 451-2), sounds rather as though it was taped on a sub-standard Walkman (though the recording is digital) by some naughty fellow in the twentieth row; creaks and coughs abound, and the piano seems distant. No matter, for once accustomed to the ambience and to a piano that sometimes sounds in need of loving care and attention, the listener can without difficulty discern an utterly majestic recital.

The second disc is particularly impressive: a delicate but rich-toned reading of Webern's Variations, Op 27, a bristling one of Bartók's Three Burlesques, suitably exotic intoxicating accounts of two pieces from Szymanowski's Métopes (*L'Île des Sirènes* and *Calypso*), and Hindemith's unexpectedly powerful Suite of 1922, with its pugnacious final Ragtime and its resonances of the America of the day. The first disc is devoted to Russian composers: Prokofiev's Second Sonata, Op 14, vigorous and dramatic and in its slow movement dark and disturbed and restless; Stravinsky's Piano-Rag-Music, surprisingly heavily weighted, and a matching pair of Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues, the F flat major and the restrained but enormous C minor. This last piece demonstrates as well as anything Richter's marvellous grasp of architecture. He, more than any other pianist, sees a piece as a complete shape; the end is implicit in the beginning.

The remaining four issues — all single discs — are mostly taken from a series of concerts that Richter gave in the Teatro del Bibbiena, Mantova, in 1986 and 1987, sometimes turning up as scheduled, sometimes not, typically keeping everyone — and especially the Decca team — on tenterhooks until he felt like playing.

Two discs are given over entirely to sonatas by Haydn (Decca 436 454-2 and 436 455-2). Parts of the second of these, Sonatas 2, 24, 32 and 46, seem to have been made during a thunderstorm: Sonata No 2 is accompanied by some fierce rumbles and the sound of torrential rain beating on the roof. Presumably Decca was not responsible for originating the recording, for it is analogue even though it dates from 1986, and no location is specified. But on both discs — the other includes Sonatas 40, 41, 44, 48 and 52 — Richter's playing brings out all the colour and imagination in these works, which offer an unprecedented variety of ideas and moods. Richter, of course, understands this well; sheer instinct and the unrivalled clarity of his fingerwork and tone colours bring him closer to 18th-century style than one might think.

One of the remaining two discs (436 456-2) is devoted to Schumann: the Four Fugues, Op 72 (where the cerebral textures are made wondrously transparent), the G minor March from Op 76, the Op 7 Toccata, Blumenstück, Op 19 and Nachtstücke, Op 23. The other gives us Brahms's stormy Sonatas, Op 1 and 2 (436 457-2). On both Richter balances poetry and virtuosity to perfection. He understands the mysterious interplay between harmony and melody in Schumann, and he shapes phrases lovingly. Meanwhile he relishes the extravagant passions of Brahms as much as its warmth, taming both of these vast organisms into cogent and thoroughly convincing pieces.

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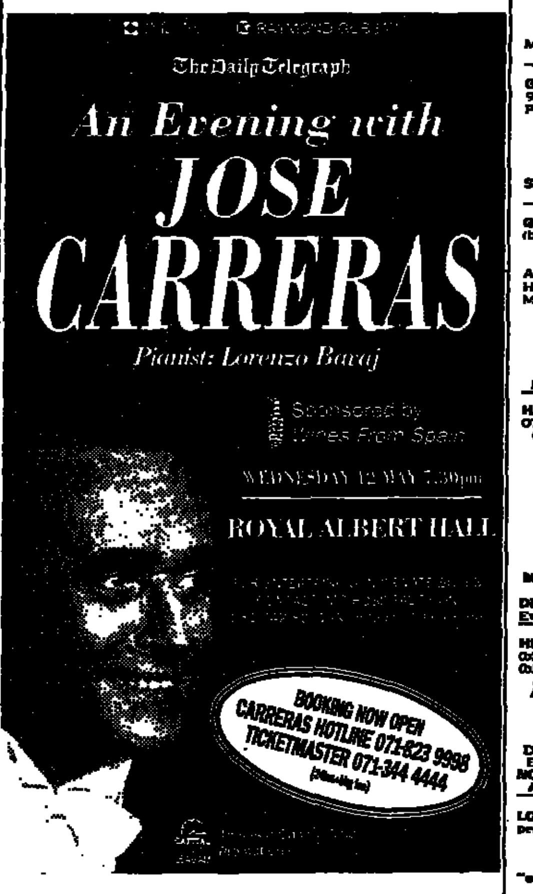
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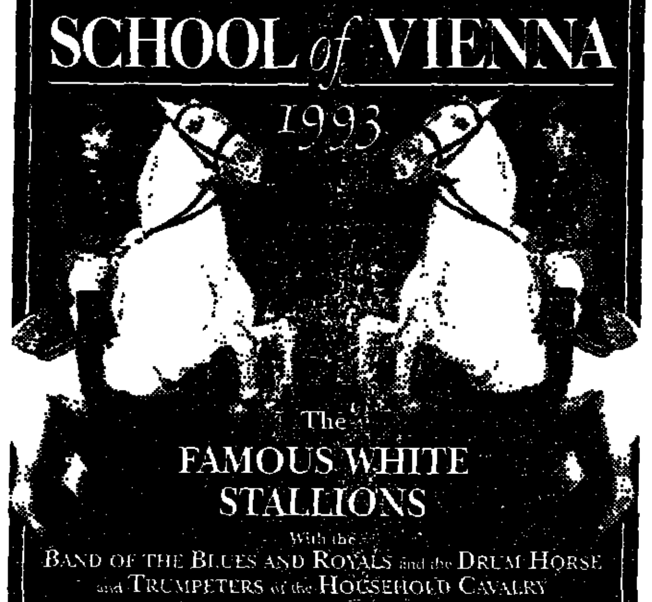
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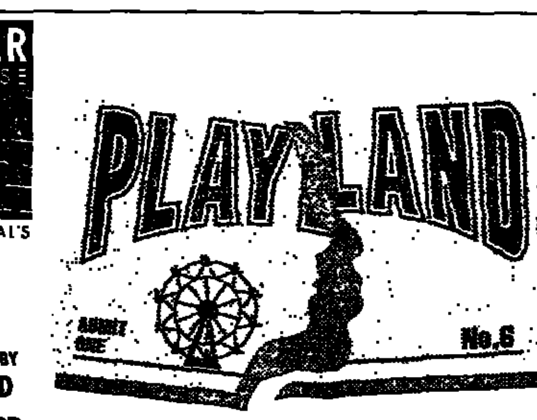
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7.25 News and weather (3054223)
7.30 Henry's Cat. Feline fun (r) (6518117) **7.35 Wiz Bang**. Early-morning antics (s) (7092001) **7.50 Littl' Bits**. Cartoon adventures of the forest pixies (r) (9134952) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker**. Cheryl Baker visits Billingsgate market (s) (5261204) **8.35 Tom and Jerry**. Triple cartoon bill with the duelling duo (1367575)
9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by Right Said Fred, Louie Louie, Noel Edmonds and Michaela Strachan (s) (78358488) **12.12 Weather** (9909198)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus: A look back at the week in which England, Scotland and Northern Ireland were all involved in World Cup qualifying matches; **12.55**, **1.25** and **1.55** Racing from Chepsow: Persian War Premier Novices' Hurdle (1.00), Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy Chase (1.30), Allbright Bitter Hurdle (2.00); **1.10** News; **1.15**, **1.40** and **2.10** Rugby Union: Live coverage from Murrayfield of the international between Scotland and Wales; **4.00** highlights of Ireland v France. Northern Ireland: 2.10 live coverage of Ireland v France; 4.10 highlights of Scotland v Wales **4.35** Final Score (25750440)
5.15 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (1387223)
5.25 Regional news and sport (2514136). Wales (to 6.05) Wales on Saturday

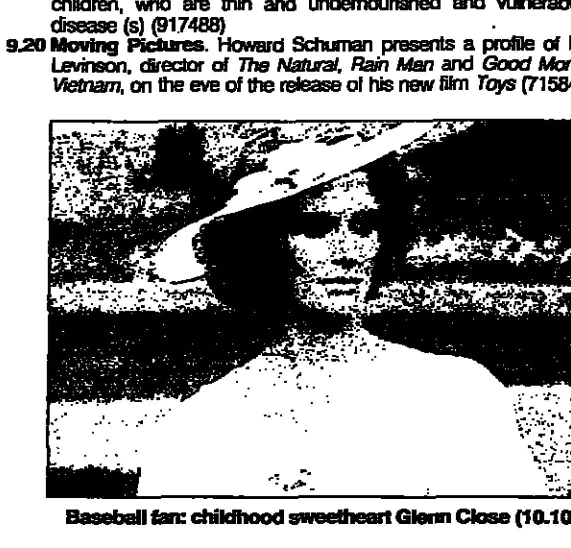

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5.35 That's Showbusiness. John Thomson and John Leslie take on Ann Bryson and Kenneth Connor in the celebrity quiz show presented by Mike Smith (Ceefax) (s) (892575)
6.05 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds's victims include Lynn Faulds Wood, John Stapleton and Nick Gillingham (s) (279952)
7.00 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The magician is joined by French Canadian balancing act Vis Versa and Swedish surgeon and card star Lennart Green. (Ceefax) (s) (106952)
7.50 Casualty: No Cause for Concern. Keeping Holby's casualty department busy tonight are two teenagers who steal a security van carrying radioactive isotopes; and the first officer of a cargo ship, injured when trying to rescue a seaman overcome by fumes. (Ceefax) (s) (601223)
8.40 Birds of a Feather: Cheat! Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson star as the wisecracking Essex girls adjusting to life without their husbands. Tracey spends the evening in the company of Dorien's husband (r). (Ceefax) (s) (688440)
9.10 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport and weather (900575)
9.30 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and her team of reporters attempt to right more wrongs. (Ceefax) (s) (742391)
10.10 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from two of today's Premier League matches. The commentators are John Motson and Barry Davies (s) (120943)
11.10 Film: The Yakuza (1975). Explosive thriller starring Robert Mitchum as a former private detective who travels to Japan to help a GI friend whose daughter has been kidnapped by gangsters. Directed by Sydney Pollack (933372). Wales: That's Showbusiness 11.40 Film: The Yakuza
1.00 Weather (3115686). Wales: 1.30 Weather

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6.40 Open University: Food Production: The Grain Story (4230681) **7.05** Maths (2021152) **7.30** Physics (4577001) **7.55** Changing Britain, Changing World (9122117) **8.20** Biology Form and Function (5258730) **8.45** Witting and Unwitting Testimony (1354001) **9.10** Technology (9279488) **9.35** Motion — Newton's Laws (3621469) **10.00** The York Mystery Plays (6576681) **10.25** From Micro to Mainframe (3751643) **10.50** Frederick the Great (1234020) **11.15** Society and Social Science (7124049) **12.05** Questions about Behaviour (6922662) **12.30** History: What is its Future? (3214914) **12.55** Modern Art: Manet (5445049) **1.20** Genetics (98562117) **1.45** Working with Systems (78793440) **2.10** TV: Technological Impact (81783484) **2.35** Discovering 16th Century Strasbourg (2716020)
3.00 Film: Sabrina Fair (1954, b/w). Romantic comedy with William Holden and Humphrey Bogart as brothers in romantic pursuit of chauffeur's daughter Audrey Hepburn. Cary Grant was first choice for the Bogart role and would have been far more suitable. Directed by Billy Wilder (58344020)
4.40 World Bowls. The Midland Bank World Indoor championships from the Guild Hall in Preston (s) (9474198)
5.50 Late Again. Highlights from *The Late Show* (s) (809117)
6.30 Scrutiny. Nicholas Jones reports on the work of the House of Commons select committees. (Ceefax) (865)
7.00 News and sport with Chris Lowe. Weather (577440)
7.15 Sounds of the Seventies. A look back at "heavy" and "progressive" music, including performances by Free, Deep Purple, Jethro Tull and Yes (s) (158440)
7.50 Fine Cut: Bitter Thorns
● CHOICE: Nick Gifford's documentary is a quiet, sympathetic study of a family which has lost everything, depends on the good will of others for its survival yet refuses to lose its dignity. The Ismaels, two parents and their four children, are Somalis from Eritrea. Driven out of their homeland by war and drought, they settled in a refugee camp across the border in Sudan. Gifford charts their arrival at the camp and their return to Eritrea three years later. It is a film with no commentary, little dialogue and the minimum of plot. But if nothing much happens on screen, then it does not happen in life either. The father has lost his animals and cannot work. Like the rest of the family, he can only hang around and wait for something to turn up. But he worries about the future of the children, who are thin and undernourished and vulnerable to disease (s) (917488)
9.20 Moving Pictures. Howard Schuman presents a profile of Barry Levinson, director of *The Natural*, *Rain Man* and *Good Morning, Vietnam*, on the eve of the release of his new film *Toys* (715846)


Baseball fan: childhood sweetheart Glenn Close (10.10pm)

10.10 Film: The Natural (1984).
● CHOICE: The story of a thirties baseball star (Robert Redford) and his dream of making it to the top has elements of Roy of the Rovers but also strong echoes of the King Arthur legend. Like Arthur our hero is driven by a mystical force and he has his magic sword, a baseball bat called "Wonderboy". The mixture of sporting yarn and allegory does not always make for a coherent narrative but this is a satisfyingly crafted film with handsome photography and a raft of fine performances. Redford's country boy negotiating the tricky path to fame is a deceptively unassuming portrait, and a tremendous supporting cast includes Glenn Close as the hero's childhood sweetheart. *The Natural* was based on a 1952 novel by Bernard Malamud and directed by Barry Levinson, who is profiled in *Moving Pictures* at 9.20. (Ceefax) (s) (79777049)
12.20am Film: Heat and Sunlight (1987, b/w). Low-budget and partly improvised drama from director-star Rob Nilsson about a photographer who is convinced that his girlfriend is having an affair and embarks on a course of self-destruction. (Ceefax) (863191). Ends at **2.00**

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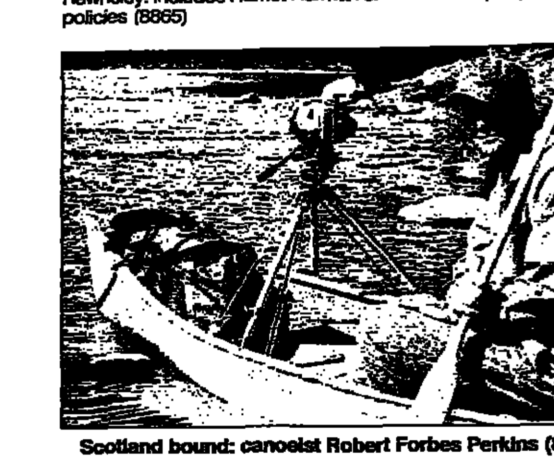
6.00 GMTV (8193440)
9.25 What's Up Doc? Gerry Anderson, the creator of *Thunderbirds* joins Pat Sharp, Andy Crane and Yvette Fielding (s) (37563204)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Includes reviews of *A River Runs Through It* and *Stay Tuned* (6778)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring John Waite with "Missing You" (r) (s) (91876)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (48289662) **1.05 London Today** (48288933)
1.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Comedy series following the fortunes of an alien exiled to Earth (6757285)
2.05 WCW Worldwide Wrestling from America (7871391)
2.40 Athletics. Live coverage of the TSB Invitation meeting from Birmingham's National Indoor Arena (40742575)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Sports results and weather (4006339) **5.00 London Today** and sport (1384136)
5.10 Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County parade the beaches in search of disaster. Mitch sets sail to capture a crew of modern-day pirates. (Teletext) (s) (1023914)
6.00 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopeful contestants and sees how last week's winners fared. (Teletext) (s) (96440)
7.00 Barrymore. Michael Barrymore travels the length and breadth of the country in search of the public's hidden talents (285933)


Jailed for fraud: Richard Wilson and Sean Bean (7.45pm)

7.45 Inspector Morse: Absolute Conviction. John Thaw's morose Oxford detective and his sidekick Kevin Whately experience life on the other side of the track when, during their investigations into the possibly fraudulent activities of three businessmen, a convict with a connection to the case suddenly dies. With Sean Bean and Richard Wilson (r). (Teletext) (222136)
9.45 Tarrant's Ten Years on TV. Another irreverent look at the world's television (s) (448407)
10.15 The Big Fight — Live! The WBO super-middleweight championship from Olympia in London between Britain's Chris Eubank and Lindell Holmes from America. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt (916049)
11.05 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (356933)
11.25 Film: Punchline (1988). Sally Field as a housewife who, despite the objections of her husband (John Goodman), has ambitions of becoming a stand-up comedienne, helped and hindered by another aspiring comic Tom Hanks. Humour with a dark undertone, directed by David Seltzer (73238001)
1.40am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans, including guests Craig Charles and Prefab Sprout (4739179) **2.40 Basketball: NBA Jam Session**. Alton Byrd introduces action from America (8727686)
3.40 The New Music. A review of Canadian artists featured in 1992 (3181179)
4.40 BPM. The latest news from the world of dance music (s) (5533860)
5.30 ITN Morning News (73841). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (5001310) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules**. Cartoon adventures of a cat and dog (8906952) **6.40 Alfred J. Kwak**. Animated tales of a musical duck (4232049) **7.05 Kideo**. Flight (s) (4793933) **7.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (4561440) **8.00 Saved by the Bell**. Life in an American high school (81020) **8.30 High 5**. Windsurfing (80391) **9.00 News** (3662778) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (4203594)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (97730)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne looks at England's World Cup qualifier against San Marino and previews Italy's game against Portugal (17594)
12.00 Road Dreams. In the second part of Elliott Bristow's video diary of his 12-year trip across America he travels from the Dakotas to Las Vegas (r) (s) (91407)
12.30 Songs and Memories. Sajid Subzwari, a former navy man turned clairvoyant, talks to Zarmine Sarfaraz (19391)
1.00 Film: Return to Yesterday (1939, b/w). Dated and stagey drama starring Clive Brook as a bored matinee idol who decides to play an anonymous role in a seaside repertory company. Directed by Robert Stevenson (6405049)
2.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newcastle, introduced by John Francome. **2.30** Newcastle Building Society "Nova Plus" Novices' Chase; **3.00** Newcastle Building Society Hurdle; **3.35** Tote Elder Handicap Chase **4.10** Newcastle Brown Ale Top of the North Novices' Hurdle; **4.40** Newcastle Building Society Handicap Chase (42792440)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (7719643)
6.30 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald introduces viewer reaction to Sky's *Diana: Her True Story* and Channel 4's *The Love Weekend*. (Teletext) (s) (933)
7.00 A Week in Politics presented by Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. Includes Harriet Harman on the Labour party's economic policies (8865)


Scotland bound: canoeist Robert Forbes Perkins (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: One Man and his Boat
● CHOICE: Robert Forbes Perkins, an American naturalist from Boston, sets off by canoe in search of his Scottish ancestors. He starts on the Thames at Greenwich, moves north by way of canals, hitches a lift or two when water transport proves difficult and after 500 miles prepares to meet his kinsman, the present Lord Forbes. It is a good-humoured and inconsequential journey which allows Perkins to reflect on environments very different from those of his usual stamping grounds, Siberia and the Canadian Arctic. His meditations on the British character do not go very deep and it is surprising, given the peg for the film, that there is not more about his family history. But Perkins is an unstuffy presenter, not averse to a little self-mockery, and he is the first to admit that he is more interested in nature than in people. (Teletext) (4285)
9.00 Tales from the Hollywood Hills: Natica Jackson. The first of six dramas based on short stories by leading American writers of the thirties. Michelle Pfeiffer stars in John O'Hara's tale of a young actress who appears to have everything (r) (4049)
10.00 Saturday Zoo. Danny DeVito joins Jonathan Ross as his special guest. Plus Stereo MC and Mica Paris (s) (7136)
11.00 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). The cult sixties pop show this week features Georgie Fame, Lulu, P.J. Proby and Jerry Lee Lewis (920662)
11.35 Adult Oprah. Oprah Winfrey talks to people whose lives were affected by last year's Los Angeles riots (392865)
12.30am Film: The Great Gatsby (1974). Handsome but dramatically underpowered adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel starring Robert Redford as the enigmatic millionaire Jay Gatsby and Mia Farrow as his former love. Written by Francis Ford Coppola and directed by Britain's Jack Clayton (82065421)
3.05 The Word (r) (s) (6738889). Ends at **4.05**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Danger Bay (47310) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (16391) **7.00** Fun Factory (7633391) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (61778) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (47198) **2.00** Greenacres (8556) **2.30** Facts of Life (7556) **3.00** Cartoons (50198) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (62933) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (1643) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (50662) **7.00** Knights and Warriors (10987) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (80827) **9.00** Cops I (63117) **9.30** Cops II (62407) **10.00** All American Wrestling (55038) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (54049) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (45952) **6.30** News and Business Report (858488) **9.30** Nightline (46469) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (31049) **11.30** Getaway (19469) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (19681) **1.30** The Reporters (10310) **2.30** Nightline (44594) **3.30** Those Were The Days (20285) **4.30** Getaway (8662) **5.00** Live at Five (32049) **6.30** Fashion TV (29285) **7.30** The Reporters (9391) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (10198) **10.30** The Reporters (54310) **11.30** Fashion TV (38329) **12.30am** Getaway (51353) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (95570) **2.30** Fashion TV (41808) **3.30** Target (46353) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (48150) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (35605)

SKY MOVIES+

6.00am Showcase (81952)
8.00 The Last Remake of Beau Geste (1977): Spoof on the Foreign Legion (22952)
10.00 Body Slam (1987): Comedy about a wrestling rock 'n' roll star (53759)
12.00 Grand Larceny (1988): Marilu Henner learns how to steal (12575)
2.00pm The Witching of Ben Wagner (1987): Children's adventure (87730)
4.00 Lightning, the White Stallion (1986): A horse is stolen (6575)
6.00 Brenda Starr (1990): Brooke Shields as a comic-book heroine (74455594)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (485020)
8.00 Mermaids (1990): Cher is reluctant to settle down with Bob Hoskins (19339)
10.00 The Running Man (1987): Escaped convict Arnold Schwarzenegger takes part in a futuristic game show (227198)
11.45 Intrigue (1990): Adult drama (264049)
1.25am Impulse (1990): Vice cop Theresa Russell is accused of murder (932711)
3.10 Frankenstein Unbound (1990): John Hurt travels back in time to meet author Mary Shelley (3098044)
4.30 Breaking In (1989): Burt Reynolds as an aging safecracker (43605). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.30pm My Darling Clementine (1946, b/w): Western with Henry Fonda (72117)
6.30 Raffles (1940): David Niven as the gentleman cat-burglar (87488)
8.00 Privates on Parade (1984): Camp musical about a song-and-dance troupe in Singapore. Starring John Cleese (79759)
10.00 Mutant (1983). Horror story about murderous zombies (977653). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.40am Beach Ball (1965). Pretty girls meet muscular boys (4021136)
8.10 Muscle Beach Party (1964): Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello in a second musical outing (93997285)
9.50 The Buccaneer (1938): Fredric March helps to defend New Orleans (45524846)
12.00 Transylvania 6-5000 (1985): Jeff Goldblum and Ed Begley Jr investigate vampirism (696827)
1.45pm Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991): Starring Peter Falk (30961204)
3.30 Memphis (1991). A white gang kidnaps the son of a black industrialist (614643)
5.05 Hearts on Fire (1991): Tom Skerritt hires Marc Helgenberger to care for his wife Lesley Ann Warren (68257681)
6.45 Xposure: Film news (710136)
7.15 Woman with a Past (1992): Wife and mother Pamela Reed is arrested for armed robbery (58010223)
9.00 Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991): Glenn Close as a Kansas governess (55092)
11.00 Omen IV — The Awakening (1991): A couple adopts a satanic child (197643)
12.40am Blaze (1989). Louisiana governor Earl K. Long (Paul Newman) has an affair with a stripper (229247)
2.40 In the Custody of Strangers (1982): Emilio Estevez is arrested (473228)
4.20 The Last Hurrah (1958). Spencer Tracy seeks re-election to political office (81775088). Ends at **6.20**

SKY SPORTS

6.00am Test Match Cricket: India v England (7702469) **11.30** NHRA Drag Racing (73420) **12.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (11372) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (4637778) **6.00** Goal — Fifa Quiz (8827) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (2407) **7.00** WWF Mania (39117) **8.00** Test Match Cricket (48865) **9.00** US PGA Golf (41952) **11.00** Test Match Cricket (96049) **12.00** Ringside (14763) **2.00am** Grand Slam of Boxing (10179) **4.00-6.00** Test Match Cricket (49605)

EUROSPORT

8.00am Ford Ski Report (52827) **9.00** Tennis (51488) **11.00** Boxing (93952) **12.00** Nordic Skiing (54575) **2.00pm** Tennis (503391) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (1123914) **5.05** Tennis (5371759) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (35952) **7.00** Tennis (85933) **9.00** Indoor Triathlon (12952) **10.30** Handball (91440) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (63223)

SCREENSPORT

6.30am French Ice Racing (56933) **7.00** NHL Review (57372) **8.00** Ice Hockey (24117) **9.30** Football Holland (99339) **10.30** Mountain Bike Show (98933) **11.00** Gillette Sports (23943) **11.30** NBA Action (73402) **12.00** Pro Kick (19914) **1.00pm** Go! (28662) **2.00** French Ice Racing (9440) **2.30** Volvo PGA Golf (89730) **4.30** Ice Hockey (38198) **6.00** Grundig Sport (6469) **6.30** ATP/IBM Tennis (41662) **8.00** Five Nations Rugby: Scotland v Wales **9.00** Pro Box (49594) **11.00** Five Nations Rugby: Ireland v France (87391) **12.00** Volvo PGA Golf (14781) **1.00am** Ice Hockey (95421) **2.30** Ten Pin Bowling (50570) **3.30** Basketball Bundesliga (57063) **5.30-6.00** Ice Hockey (79063)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (38857827) **6.15** Button Moon (38878310) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1677681) **7.00** Hot Dog (3817198) **7.30** Owl TV (3829933) **8.00** Lassie (5401730) **8.30** Rentaghost (5400001) **9.00** The Raccoons (5424681) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (5099845) **10.00** Jem (1668933) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5420865) **11.00** Film: Cimarron (1960) with Glenn Ford (7121391) **1.30** Film: Baby Face Morgan (1942, b/w) (56751827) **2.45** East-Enders (76520204) **5.30** Swallows and Amazons Forever! (3349407) **6.00** Campion (5001681) **7.00** Bless This House (7228662) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (3325556) **8.00** Bergerac (3130204) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (3110440) **10.00** Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (4983827) **11.45** Happy Families (7630865) **12.15am** Three of a Kind (9846501) **12.45-1.45** In Concert: Big Country (8100808)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10 Wrestling (90394001) **1.40-2.40** Badminton (5248391) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (1384136) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (3182808) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6641976)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport. Kick Off (90394001) **1.40-2.40** Granada Sport: Action (5248391) **5.00-5.10** Border News (1384136) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (3182808) **4.35-5.30** The Big E

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.10 Disney's Lefty (3998556) **2.00-2.40** Wrestling (5385551) **5.00** Central News (2506117) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match — Goals Extra (2505488) **1.40** Film: Pancho Villa (883131) **3.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (60103995) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68891995) **4.20** Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight (51286995) **4.50** Jobfinder (66896976) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3123082)

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (90394001) **1.40-2.40** Granada Sport: Action (5248391) **5.00-5.10** Granada News (1384136) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (3128208) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6541976)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.10-2.40 McCloud (4524846) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News (1384136) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (3182808) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6641976)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.10-2.05 The A-Team (6757285) **5.00** Meridian News (2506117) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2505488) **2.25** American Gladiators (5800995) **3.25** Basketball (4299150) **4.20** America's Top Ten (51286995) **4.50-5.30** Wrestling (4750841)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10-2.40 Film: A Boy Named Charlie Brown (4524846) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (1384136) **1.40** Coach (8928792) **2.10** BPM (3412599) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (6739518) **4.10** Cue the Music (7884889) **5.10-5.30** Terrorvision

ULSTER

As London except: 1.10 Saturday Sport (48276198) **1.20** Transworld Sport (6771865) **2.15-2.45** Windsurf (559952) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2505488) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** Little Picture Show (3182808) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6641976)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Anybody Out There? (6778) **1.10** Movies, Movies, Movies (90394001) **1.40** Cartoon Time (87776952) **2.00** The Westcountry Match: Cornwall v Yorkshire (5778) **4.00-4.40** International Athletics (9231136) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (1384136) **1.40** Hollywood Report (8928792) **2.10** The Twilight Zone (5882044) **2.35** BPM (8728315) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (3182808) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6641976)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.10-2.40 Film: A Boy Named Charlie Brown (4524846) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (1384136) **1.40** Coach (8928792) **2.10** BPM (3412599) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (6739518) **4.10** Cue the Music (7884889) **5.10-5.30** Terrorvision

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Starts: 7.05 Kideo (4793933) **7.35** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (4561440) **8.00** Saved By the Bell (81020) **8.30** High 5 (80391) **9.00** News (3662778) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (4203594) **10.00** Trans World Sport (97730) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (17594) **12.00** The Wonder Years (91407) **12.30** Film: Abroad With Two Yanks (1148136) **1.50** Joe McDoakes (90237001) **2.00** Rygbi. Pencampwriaeth y Pum Gwlad (33824204) **4.05** Channel 4 Racing (5609488) **5.05** Brookside (7719643) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (340223) **6.35** Now You're Talking (828391) **7.00** News (218285) **7.20** Traed Oer (609488) **7.50** Halen Yn Y Gwaed (160285) **8.50** Tocyn Tymor (735049) **9.45** Snapshots (516285) **10.00** Saturday Zoo (7136) **11.00** Ready Steady Go! (920662) **11.35** The Oprah Winfrey Show (378285) **12.25** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (7473421) **12.55** Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 9.00 The Saturday Club (42115488) **9.05** Mise agus Pangur Ban (17430681) **9.20** How Do You Do? (23012827) **9.45** Thunderbirds (86083914) **10.15** The Rimini Riddle (86008223) **10.45** The Cosby Show (86007594) **11.15** Fanta Roadshow (92988001) **11.30** Physiquiz (41919652) **12.00** The Works (17158778) **12.30** News (75682575) **12.34** Sports Stadium (50871136) **6.00** Flipper (74885643) **6.30** Seachtain (91598010) **6.55** News (58299759) **7.00** Anna — Ballerina (56992933) **8.00** News (80904914) **8.03** Lotto Draw (80904914) **8.05** Space Age (93843285) **9.05** Film: Bridesmaids (16412198) **10.50** First View (65285020) **11.25** Film: Salt of the Earth (21075136) **1.00** Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Record Producers: Chris Thomas **3.00** Johnnie Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** One for Freedom: Highlights from Amnesty International's super-bowl cabaret season **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** For Better or for Worse (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Dave Gelly: Parodies **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Ivan Rebroff in London **7.00** I've Heard That Song Before (1/6) **7.30** Classical Masterpieces **8.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Midday**. **3.55am** Test Match Special: India v England **6.30** Weekend Edition Update **6.45** Test Match Special **8.45** Weekend Edition Update **9.05** Test Match Special **11.10** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five. Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales, Ireland v France; Football: Aston Villa v Everton, Manchester Utd v Southampton. Cricket: India v England **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.55-6.00** Test Match Special: India v England

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** World News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week. Mother of 1084 **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Gods, Guides and Gurus **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** News **4.15** Inside the Photograph Album

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera. Hugh MacPherson introduces Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci* **10.00** Classic Quiz with Quentin Howard **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

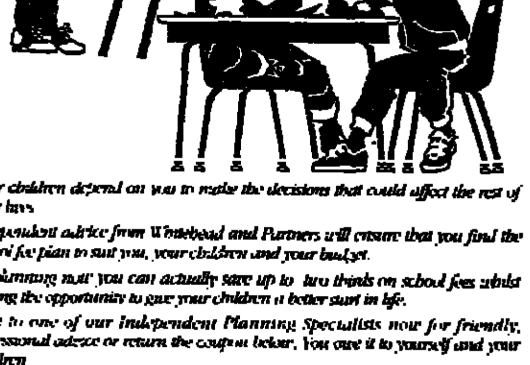
6.35am Open University: Lord Briggs on History
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Borodin (Piano Trio in D, Unfinished: Moscow Trio); Schütz (Two sacred concertos: Wohl dem, der ein tugendsam Weib hat; Domini est terra: Cantus Cölln; Hanover Boys' Choir; Musica Fiata); Strauss (Symponic Fantasy from Die Frau ohne Schatten: Rotterdam PO under Jeffrey Tate); Bach (Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903: Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Dittersdorf (String Quartet No 6: Franz Schubert Quartet); William Grant Still (Symphony No 1, Afro-American: Detroit SO under Neeme Järvi)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Stephen Walsh reviews Berg's opera, *Lulu*, and Richard Wigmore looks at new recordings of classical and romantic chamber music. **10.35 Record Release**: Mozart (String Quartet in F, K 158: Eder Quartet); Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 2 in D, Op 58: Christophe Coin; Patrick Cohen, 1835 fortepiano); Lekeu (Méditation, 1887: Camerata Quartet): **11.35** Stephen Johnson on CD issues by the former Soviet record label, Melodiya
1.00pm News
1.05 Scotland's Music: Thistles, Kisses and Crescendos. The third of five concerts from the 1992 Edinburgh International Festival. Patricia McMahon, soprano; John Mark Ainsley, tenor; Scottish Chamber Orchestra under James Clark, violin, Ursula Smith, cello; and David McGuinness, harpsichord, perform songs, dances and sonatas from the mid-18th century. Including James Oswald (Flower Sonatas, The Seasons; Colin's Kisses; Dustcart and Wheelbarrow Cantatas); William McGibbon (Sonata No 3 in G); Earl of Kelly (Minuets Aria: Death is Now My Only Treasure; Overture, The Maid of the Mill: Symphony in C)
3.00 The Koussevitzky Legacy
● CHOICE. Humphrey Burton's ambitious series about the Russian phenomenon moves into a new phase today. All the works were commissioned by Koussevitzky for the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1930-31 when he was well into his long span as its principal conductor. We hear Ravel's orchestration of Mussorgsky's piano suite, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Roussel's Third Symphony, Prokofiev's Fourth, and Respighi's Metamorphosen, modi XII
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Philip Dodd reports from the Berlin international film festival, and examines the German film industry
6.30 The Bartered Bride: Prague National Theatre Chorus and Orchestra under Bohumil Gregor performs Bedrich Smetana's comic opera in three acts, to a libretto by Karel Sabina. Sung in Czech. With Jindrich Jindrak as Krusina, Daniela Sounova as Ludmila and Jirina Markova as Marenka. **7.55-8.15** Preserving Prague. Martin Burt reports on the efforts by British and Czech architects to preserve the city's architectural splendour (r)
9.15 Main Street, USA: In conjunction with Birmingham's festival of 1920s music, *Towards the Millenium*, Radio 3 is presenting a series exploring the cultural life of the period. Tonight, Russell Davies assesses the reputation and legacy of the Nobel laureate Sinclair Lewis, the author of *Main Street*, *Babitt* and *It Can't Happen Here*
9.45 St Magnus Festival: Chameleon, with David James, alto, in a recital of chamber music from last year's festival. Poul Ruders (Vox in Rama); Gerared McBurney (My Gipsy Life); Arvo Part (Es sang vor langen Jahren); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet, Op 57)
11.00 Impressions: Brian Morton presents a set recorded by the Spontaneous Music Ensemble, with John Stevens, trumpet/percussion, John Butcher, saxophones, Neil Metcalf, flute, and Roger Smith, guitar
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Michael White
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box
12.25pm Just a Minute! Nicholas Parsons oversees the non-stop talk show **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Vivian White chairs a discussion in Faversham, Kent, between Tony Banks, MP, opposition environment spokesman; Baroness Flather of Windsor and Maidenhead; Sir Bernard Ingham, journalist and formerly Mrs Thatcher's chief press secretary; and Sheila McKechnie, director of Shelter (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: The Wild Swans. Angela Pleasence and Pauline Letts star in John Peacock's adaptation of a Hans Christian Andersen tale about an evil queen who transforms her step-children into swans (r)
3.45 My Four Green Fields: The second of four talks about life in Ireland today by the novelist Joseph Hone (r)
4.00 News; Age to Age: Christopher Cook reflects on American/Soviet relations since the Revolution; John Miller examines the history of the Balkans; and Nicola Barranger recalls the Hungarian refugees who fled to Britain in 1956
4.30 Science Now reports on the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
5.00 No Ordinary Woman: Valerie Grove searches for the real Mrs Miniver (r)
5.25 Fourth Column 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r)
6.50 On the Ropes: John Humphrys talks to David Mellor, MP (r)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: The Theatre is My Country Now. Paul Allen visits the National Theatre in Subotica, north Serbia, which is striving to maintain an ideal of Yugoslav multi-culturalism
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Darling Peidi. Shelagh Stephenson's play is adapted from the novel, *A Pin to See the Peepshow*, by F. Tennyson Jesse. It is based on the true story of Edith Thompson who, with Freddy Bywaters, was charged with the murder of her husband Percy, in October 1922. Starring Rachel Joyce and Charles Simpson (r)
9.20 Music in Mind
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: Henry Porter and guests explore the green lobby's alarmist tendencies
10.45 Eva and Adamson Again
● CHOICE: Back again (by public demand, surely) are the priceless couple whom Leonard Barras created on paper and then gave them his own mouth out of which to fire their elliptical missiles at each other. Adamson: "As Byron said, a book's a book, even when there's nothing in't". Eva: "Yes, but it was Caroline Lamb he took to bed!". Barras has created a gloriously surreal world, in which a husband sitting in a wardrobe for 63 years while his wife sings Northumberland folk songs is the secret of conjugal success
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Domus (r)
11.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: This week, the true nature of good and evil (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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BBC1

7.00 Felix the Cat (5503044) **7.15 Smoggles** (r) (4419222) **7.40 Playdays** (r) (s) (9172112) **8.00 Superbods.** The skin (r) (5160334)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. David Frost talks to Lord Tebbit and David Mellor, MP. Plus a review of the day's national papers (505402)
9.15 The Good Book Guide Series on the Bible (s) (6604060)
9.30 This is the Day from the Aston Cottage Community (s) (17063)
10.00 See Hear! With signing and subtitles (s) (67131)
10.30 Japanese Language and People (r) (86605). Wales: Computing for the Terrified **11.00 Computing for the Terrified** (s) (2773). Wales (to 12 30): See You Sunday **11.30 Off The Back of a Lorry** with Mike Scott (r) (3402)
12.00 Advice Shop Welfare rights magazine (r) (77957)
12.30 Country File with John Craven (3283044). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (98214518)
1.00 News (48261266)
1.05 On the Record Health secretary Virginia Bottomley is interviewed by Nick Ross on the future of health care in Britain (6732976)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (68860)
3.00 Film: Irreconcilable Differences (1984). Comedy with a sharp edge starring Ryan O'Neal and Shelley Long as self-absorbed screenwriters whose daughter (Drew Barrymore) sues them for divorce. Directed by Charles Shyer (Ceefax) (82895402)
4.50 Lifeline. Anita Dobson appeals on behalf of the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity (s) (3420570)
5.00 The Clothes Show (s) (4814537)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow from Macclesfield. (Ceefax) (s) (2036042)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (462911)
6.25 Songs of Praise from Wakefield Cathedral. (Ceefax) (s) (654976)
7.00 As Time Goes By Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer star as a middle-aged couple discovering that love can be sweeter the second time around. (Ceefax) (s) (9228)



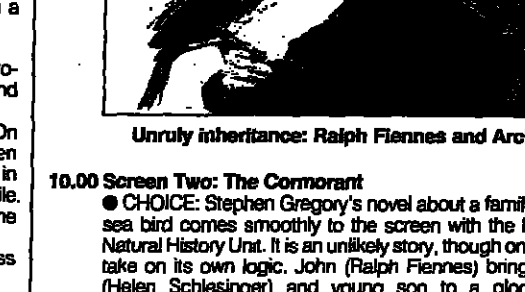
Arms dealers: Ian McShane and Leslie Phillips (7.30pm)

7.30 Lovejoy: The Galloping Major. Ian McShane's roguish antiques dealer stumbles on a 17th-century cannon and seeks the advice of Major Edward Turpin (Leslie Phillips). (Ceefax) (s) (8153605)
8.25 Last of the Summer Wine. Another inconsequential ramble in the Yorkshire Dales in the company of Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde (r). (Ceefax) (s) (445773)
8.55 One Foot in the Grave. Richard Wilson's Victor finds yet more to grumble about as wife Margaret (Annette Crosbie) embarks on a reckless adventure. (Ceefax) (s) (793957)
9.25 News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Weather (366228)
9.40 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson puts questions on the Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy, Lord Macaulay, Dervla Murphy and railway signalling in Britain (s) (908353)
10.10 Everyman: See No Evil — The Sabra and Shatila Massacre. On September 16, 1982, a force of Christian Lebanese militiamen entered the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila in Beirut. During the next 26 hours an estimated 2,000 were killed while the militia's Israeli allies surrounded the camps. This programme explores the legacy of the massacre. (Ceefax) (445119)
11.00 Winning. David Hall examines the secret of small business success (r) (s) (7082). Wales: International Squash
11.30 Famously Fluent. Keith Vaz, MP, uses British sign language (734228). Wales: Winning
11.35 Elephant Games A look at the annual celebrations at Thailand's Elephant Festival (974624)
12.05am Weather (7014193) Wales: 12.00 Famously Fluent 12.05 Elephant Games 12.35 News and weather

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BBC2

6.40 Open University: Introduction to Pure Maths: Symmetry (4207353) **7.05** TV — The Global Impact (42190214) **7.30** Creative Management (4544773) **7.55** The York Mystery Plays (9199889) **8.20** Henry IV Parts One and Two (5225402) **8.45** Open Advice (1321773)
9.10 Christopher Crocodile (r) (9416112) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood.** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9238131) **9.40 Time Busters** (3611082) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6542624) **10.30 Century Falls** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4514711) **10.55 Blue Peter** Omnibus edition (s) (3541179) **11.45 The O-Zone** with Charles and Eddie, Take That and Midge Ure (s) (2828266)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet series. (Ceefax) (r) (9487565) **12.50 The Invaders.** Vintage science-fiction series (r) (1573860)
1.40 World Bowls. Dougie Donnelly introduces coverage of the second round of the singles in the Midland Bank World Indoor championships from the Guild Hall in Preston (s) (87716570)
2.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (9082). Northern Ireland: Country Times: Wales: Week In Week Out
2.30 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. David Maybury-Lewis examines how the spiritual resources drawn on by the Mexican Huichol and the Australian Aborigines complement modern science and medicine (5819792)
3.25 World Bowls. Further coverage from Preston (s) (3890995)
4.35 Ski Sunday. David Vine and Julian Tutt report on how the gold medals were won at the Alpine world championships in Morioka-Shizukuishi, Japan (1239711)
5.10 Rugby Special. Highlights of the games between Scotland and Wales and Ireland and France (s) (5841841)
6.10 The Natural World: The Great Bears of Alaska. A documentary about the brown bears of Alaska, who sleep away the bitter winter and then cram all their activity into the six kinder months. (Ceefax) (s) (933860)
7.00 The Money Programme. Tom Maddocks reports on why Italian car maker Fiat has embarked on an £18 billion programme to build new factories and replace its model range (142976)
7.40 The Adventurers. Grosvenor Venture Managers have funded a holiday company and a small chemical factory but are now at odds with them over future plans. (Ceefax) (s) (805137)
8.20 Dancing: New Worlds, New Forms. A look at the the African movements which have formed the basis of popular European dances. Narrated by Miranda Richardson (s) (969995)
9.20 Did You See. . ? Jeremy Paxman is joined by Janet Cohn, banker and former civil servant, Richard Gregory, professor of neuropsychology at Bristol University, and Andrew Davies, novelist and screenwriter. They discuss *Public Eye Special — Cole on the Dole, The Secret Life of the Fax Machine* and *Diana: Her True Story* (s) (433976)



Unruly inheritance: Ralph Fiennes and Archie (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: The Cormorant
● CHOICE: Stephen Gregory's novel about a family torn apart by a sea bird comes smoothly to the screen with the help of the BBC Natural History Unit. It is an unlikely story, though one which starts to take on its own logic. John (Ralph Fiennes) brings his wife Mary (Helen Schlesinger) and young son to a gloomy cottage in Snowdonia which he has inherited from a potty uncle. The condition is that the family looks after uncle's pet cormorant. Archie proves to be an unruly pet, biting fingers and defecating over the carpet. Mary demands that the bird be put down. But John is haunted by the memory of childhood days spent with the uncle and cannot bring himself to do it. Peter Ransley supplies a serviceable script and footage of four cormorants is mixed to produce the disruptive Archie (35286)
11.30 The Dave Thomas Show. The award-winning American comedy writer is joined in the first of his sketch series by John Candy (242537)
11.55 Film: L'Argent (1983, b/w). Typically spare and incisive drama from the master French director Robert Bresson about a boy who hands over a forged note and sets off a chain reaction of deceit and murder. In French with English subtitles. (771179). Ends at **1.20am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8160112)
9.25 Disney Club with Paul Orford, Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy (8980470)
10.45 Link. Sian Vasey with the first of a two-part report on the need for legal protection for disabled people (Teletext) (9459957)
11.00 Morning Worship from Park United Reform Church in Halifax (95402)
12.00 Package Pilgrims. Anne Gregg visits Assisi (Teletext) (s) (95353)
12.30 Crosstalk Health minister Dr Brian Mawhinney discusses the government's response to the Tomlinson report with Peter Allen and MPs David Mellor and Tony Banks (13247)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (80388421)
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden asks Lord Tebbit if the Tory Euro-sceptics can still stop the Maastricht treaty (s) (3965228)
2.00 The Smurfs Animated fun (r) (3808)
2.30 The London Match. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the game between West Ham United and Newcastle United from Upton Park (s) (297179)
5.00 Wish You Were Here. . ? Reports on a South African safari, Manchester and tourist damage in the Alps (r) (7860)
5.30 Bullseye. Jim Bowen presents the darts and general knowledge game show (957)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Fiona Foster (750402)
6.20 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (642044)



Surrogate fathers: Guttenberg, Selleck, Danson (6.30pm)

6.30 Film: Three Men and a Baby (1987). Smart and funny comedy starring Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson as three bachelors sharing an apartment who are thrown into a frenzy when a baby girl is left on their doorstep. Directed by Leonard Nimoy. (Teletext) (s) (34876995)
8.25 Watching. A new series of Jim Hitchmough's comedy series about a mis-matched couple, starring Emma Wray and Paul Bown. (Teletext) (430841)
8.55 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (915268)
9.20 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Chocolate Box. The dapper detective returns to his native Belgium for the first time since the first world war and finds an old case of murder still needing to be solved. (Teletext) (464711)
10.20 Hale and Pace. More irreverent humour from Gareth and Norman (512605)
10.50 The South Bank Show.
● CHOICE: The subjects of this friendly dual profile are two Russian musicians. Dmitri Sitkovetsky is the classical violinist who escaped to the West during the oppressive Soviet regime and now lives in London. His cousin, Sasha, is the rock guitarist whose band made the only Soviet contribution to the Live Aid concert. He has stayed in Russia. The film brings them together on the Latvian coast, scene of childhood summer holidays, and charts their rehearsal and performance of "Tribe Bolero" a new piece written by Sasha for the programme. Looking more than ever like a wizened bird, Sir Yehudi Menuhin draws on his Russian roots for an appreciation of Dmitri, though there is no similar rock eminence to do the honours for Sasha. It is quite a musical family and Sasha's son, aged nine, seems set to carry on the tradition (s) (841204)
11.50 Encounter: Sackcloth and Ashes? An investigation into the meaning of Lent (965976)
12.20am Cue the Music. Mike Mansfield introduces the second part of Simple Minds in concert in Verona (9393532)
1.25 TXT. European charts (7075551)
2.25 Summerrock. The Event in concert at the Roskilde Festival (3401483)
3.30 Snooker. Steve Davis takes on Jimmy White in the European League (30803)
5.30 ITN Morning News (99919). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (9250763) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (7242315) **7.05 Widget** (s) (6914452) **7.30 Sandokan** (17624) **8.00 The Hammerman** (1702808) **8.25 The Finder.** Drama series (5219841) **8.50 Dennis** (r) (2953179) **9.00 Tintin** (73131) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (6150599)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (362599)
10.15 The Miraculous Mellops. Fantasy drama series (387808)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Vintage science-fiction series (r) (517247)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close-knit Kansas plains family starring Michael Landon (506131)
12.45 The Great American Bike Race. In July 1991 30 cyclists embarked on a race across America (r) (887518)
1.45 Film: Conquest of Space (1955). Downbeat science fiction story starring Walter Brooke as the captain of a space station on an assignment to land on Mars. Directed by Byron Haskin (562082)
3.15 Film: Big Deal at Dodge City (1966). Entertaining western starring Henry Fonda as a farmer who buys into a poker game. After a heart attack he persuades his wife (Joanne Woodward) to play his hand. Directed by Fielder Cook (84298353)
5.00 How Now Boing, Boing? Animation (1342150)
5.10 News and weather (2588711)
5.15 High Interest. Actor Art Malik investigates how the influx of East African Asians in the 'fifties changed Britain's way of life (1006247)
6.00 Moviewatch. Birmingham's cinema-goers review *Lorenzo's Oil, Honeymoon in Vegas, Under Siege* and *Leon the Pig* (112)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American life in the early 'seventies as seen through the eyes of a teenage boy. (Teletext) (792)
7.00 Fragile Earth: Minefield. Maurice Brackenreed-Johnston runs a mine-clearing company that is teaching Somalis how to disarm the discarded mines that are littering their country. (Teletext) (4247)
8.00 Opinions: Britain 1993. In the first in a six-part series former defence minister Alan Clark argues that successive governments have hastened the national decline by taking soft options (1686)
8.30 Benny Hill Compilations. The first of a six-part series (3421)



Period piece: Louise Germaine, Douglas Henshall (9.00pm)

9.00 Lipstick On Your Collar
● CHOICE: Dennis Potter's drama does for the fifties what his *Pennies From Heaven* did for the thirties and *The Singing Detective* for the forties. It is another incisive and individual period portrait, which puts the emphasis on class and sex and has the characters miming to popular songs. Partly about British imperial pretensions and partly an exploration of sexual awakening, *Lipstick* opens in the Suez year of 1956. Potter's *alter ego* is a gauche young national servicemen (Giles Thomas) who becomes besotted with a Diana Dors lookalike (Louise Germaine) married to a bullying corporal (Douglas Henshall). This opening episode is a shade repetitious but redeemed by a glorious rendition of "Garden of Eden" by War Office bureaucrats. Those who find Potter's work offensive will not be disappointed (s) (2636995)
10.10 Film: Withnail and I (1986)
● CHOICE: This is the network television premiere for writer-director Bruce Robinson's fresh and original dark comedy based on his experiences as a struggling actor in the 1960s. Paul McGann, of *The Monocled Mutineer*, and Richard E. Grant, play out of work thespians who share a filthy London flat and keep themselves going with drink and drugs. Escaping to the Lake District to stay with Grant's uncle (Richard Griffiths), the pair have a run-in with a crazed poacher (Michael Elphick) and are forced to repel the uncle's homosexual advances. It was Robinson's directing debut after small acting roles and an Oscar nomination for his script for *The Killing Fields*. His writing is sharp and witty and he draws superb performances from Grant as the assertive Withnail and McGann as the more supine "I" (807334)
12.10am Film: Guelwaar (1992). A season of African films opens with a powerful indictment of corruption and religious intolerance by the Senegalese director Ousmane Sembene. In Senegalese with English subtitles (83856321). Ends at 2.15

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As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Food Guide (3278112) **2.00** Cartoon Time (51432957) **2.15** Highway to Heaven (64234211) **3.10** Film: Oss 117 Double Agent (64232792) **5.00-5.30** The Village Show (7860) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (750402) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3255006) **1.20** Film: The Samourai (650349) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6799990) **4.10** Cue the Music (3651303) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (77358)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardener's Diary (3278112) **2.00** Wish You Were Here ? (3808) **2.30** The A-Team (5813518) **3.25** Highway to Heaven (6083537) **4.20** Cartoon Time (2419353) **4.30** Bullseye (605) **5.00** Scotsport (6995) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (767763) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3255006) **1.20** Film: The Samourai (650349) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6799990) **4.10** Cue the Music (3651303) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (77358)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time (3278112) **2.00** Earthfile (51432957) **2.15** Coach (648421) **2.45** The Central Match — Live: Notts County v Peterborough (13582895) **5.00** Bullseye (7860) **5.30-6.20** Highway to Heaven (879063) **12.20am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (3430990) **1.15** Island Son (4860984) **2.10** Cue the Music (3309071) **3.10** ITV Chart Show (6799990) **4.10** Jobfinder (3170532) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3190754)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 What the MPs Say (5136889) **2.00** The A-Team (9435266) **2.55** Film: Penny Princess (47243150) **4.45** Bullseye (267605) **5.15-6.20** Coronation Street (402976) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3255006) **1.20** Film: The Samourai (650349) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6799990) **4.10** Cue the Music (3651303) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (77358)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 HTV Newsweek (13247) **2.00** Wrestling (6473957) **2.50** Film: Hatari! (67152711) **5.45-6.20** Bullseye (263889) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3255006) **1.20** Film: The Samourai (650349) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6799990) **4.10** Cue the Music (3651303) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (77358)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Playback

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30pm Meridian This Week (5499860) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (30466402) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (9435266) **2.55** Cartoon (9378711) **3.00** Film: The Prince and the Pauper (23055266) **5.15** Bullseye (264518) **5.45-6.20** I Can Do That (263889) **12.20am** ITV Chart Show (9393532) **1.20** Film: Confession (264342) **3.05** Kojak (4253358) **4.00** The Pier (9570464) **4.35** Videofashion (66853803)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm The Littlest Hobo (6906624) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (30466402) **2.00** Swimming (9435266) **2.55** The Tyne Tees Match: West Ham v Newcastle United (58389889) **5.20** Bullseye (4803421) **5.50-6.20** Return of the Tall Ships (260063) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Memories of 1976 (5992822) **1.55** Film: Raszaada (16183984) **4.45-5.30** Jobs

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Westwise (3278112) **2.00** Westcountry Update (3808) **2.30** Zorro (841) **3.00** Film: Pippi Longstocking (84279228) **4.45** Bullseye (267605) **5.15** Heart of the Country (264518) **5.45-6.20** On the Road to the Islands (263889) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3255006) **1.20** Film: The Samourai (650349) **3.10** Entertainment UK (6799990)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm The Littlest Hobo (6906624) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (30466402) **2.00** Swimming (9435266) **2.55** Film: The Overlanders (47229570) **4.40** Cartoon (3459082) **4.50** Dinosaurs (8237179) **5.20** Bullseye (4803421) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (251315) **12.20am** Quiz Night (7443280) **12.50** Memories of 1976 (5992822) **1.55** Film: Raszaada (16183984) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (1044193)

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Starts: 7.05 Widget (6914452) **7.30** Sandokan (17624) **8.00** Hammerman (1702808) **8.25** The Finder (5219841) **8.50** Dennis (2953179) **9.00** Jeifin (73131) **9.30** Dennis (6150599) **9.45** Flipper (362599) **10.15** Miraculous Mellops (387808) **10.45** *Land of the Giants* (517247) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (9175421) **12.40** Siarad Plaen (3205266) **1.05** Film: The Yellow Balloon (2385678) **2.25** Film: Intruder in the Dust (302247) **4.00** Fragile Earth (9083) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (5402) **5.30** Fobol Y Cwm (33032711) **7.15** Bwrw'r Sul (792995) **8.05** Hel Straeon (440228) **8.35** Lleifior (200889) **9.35** Newyddion (234315) **9.40** Seith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (639711) **9.55** Good Night Norma, Good Night Milton (254179) **10.00** The New Statesman (94624) **10.30** Film: Last Tango in Paris (Marlon Brando) (24121976) **12.50** High Interest (6548209) **1.30** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (19179) **7.00** Fun Factory (7472131) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (74808) **12.00** Lost in Space (63266) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (48686) **2.00** Trapper John (84060) **3.00** Eight is Enough (78624) **4.00** UK Top 40 (57131) **5.00** All American Wrestling (6537) **6.00** The Simpsons (52150) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (47095) **8.00** Lonesome Dove: First of a four-part mini series about a cattle drive from Texas to Montana. Starring Robert Duvall and Danny Glover (86131) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (51286) **11.00** Fashion TV (58860) **11.30** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (38792) **6.30** News and Business Report (963995) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (72995) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (11957) **12.30pm** Financial Times Reports (95131) **1.30** Target (96860) **2.30** Roving Report (46082) **3.30** The Lords (22773) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (4808) **5.00** Live at Five (60082) **6.30** Roving Report (21773) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5537) **9.30** Target (12686) **10.30** Roving Report (58266) **11.30** ABC News (28537) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (57613) **1.30** ABC News (73648) **2.30** Target (43396) **3.30** ABC News (42613) **4.30** The National Gallery (92754) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (39551)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (76150)
8.00 Kona Coast (1968): Richard Boone avenges his daughter's murder (91112)
10.00 Look Who's Talking (1989) Kirstie Alley as an unmarried mother (55247)
12.00 White Hunter, Black Heart (1990). A film director is obsessed with shooting an elephant. Starring Clint Eastwood (14063)
2.00pm A Girl of the Limberlost (1990) Drama about a girl in Indiana (978179)
3.55 Backfield in Motion (1991): Roseanne Arnold organises a mother-son football match (472678)
5.30 Xposure. Film news (2686)
6.00 King Ralph (1991) John Goodman succeeds to the British throne (51222)
8.00 Hudson Hawk (1991): Comedy starring Bruce Willis as a cat burglar (86599)
10.00 Total Recall (1990). Arnold Schwarzenegger on a mission to Mars to discover his true identity (368698)
11.55 The Evil Dead (1983): Cult zombie horror story (308247)
1.20am Hellgate (1988): A father brings his murdered daughter back to life (8830939)
2.45 Roger and Me (1989): Acerbic documentary about the closure of a car plant in Flint, Michigan (848629)
4.20 When Your Lover Leaves (1983): A woman spurns romance. Starring Valerie Perrine (913193). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Cleopatra (1963) Elizabeth Taylor stars as the Egyptian queen (4502044)
8.00 The Virgin Soldiers (1969): Ribald comedy about army recruits in Singapore. Starring Hywel Bennett (79889)
10.00 Southern Comfort (1981): National guardsmen are stalked by Cajuns in the Louisiana swamps. Starring Keith Carradine and Powers Boothe (514247). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.35am C.H.O.M.P.S. (1979): Cartoon adventures of a mechanical dog (47279976)
8.20 Waterloo (1971): Rod Steiger stars as Napoleon (41587044)
10.35 Rock Around the Clock (1956). An unknown band becomes famous. With Bill Haley and His Comets (5754605)
12.00 The Time Game. A boy's grandfather owns a time machine (449805)
2.30pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991): Kevin Costner dons Lincoln green to bedevil Alan Rickman's sheriff of Nottingham. With Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Maid Marian (813131)
5.00 Winter People (1989). Kurt Russell becomes involved in a feud (15452)
7.00 Columbo: Bird in the Hand (1991): Starring Peter Falk (41605)
9.00 One Good Cop (1991): Michael Keaton looks after his dead partner's three daughters (78112)
11.00 Arachnophobia (1990): Jeff Daniels is plagued by spiders (839228)
12.55am Tarantula (1955): A giant arachnid terrorises America (228754)
2.45 Desire and Hell at the Sunset Motel (1991): Sherilyn Fenn is blackmailed by a psychopath (491735)
4.30 The Chalk Garden (1965). Deborah Kerr is governess to wayward teenager Hayley Mills (88592735) Ends at **6.10**

SKY SPORTS
8.00am Test Match Special: India v England (7762841) **11.30** Goals on Sunday (71353) **12.30pm** High Five (18315) **1.00** WWF Mania (91370) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview (35150) **4.00** Super Sunday: Blackburn v Chelsea (8773) **6.00** Grand Slam of Boxing (23686) **8.00** The Big League (24315) **9.00** Golf: Buick Invitational (27402) **11.00** Test Match Cricket: India v England: Highlights of the third day (54976) **1.00-3.00am** German League Football (54006) **3.45-6.00** Test Match Cricket (45604087)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Euroscores Magazine (82402) **8.30** Trans World Sport (6978179) **9.20** Nordic Skiing. Women's 5km (1105150); **10.30** Highlights (3306696). **10.50** Ski-Jumping (63225792) **2.00pm** Indoor Triathlon (44228) **3.00** Tennis (40773) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (1190686) **5.05** Tennis (5331131) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (77605) **7.30** American College Basketball (24678) **9.00** Tennis (555570) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (65711)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Tennis: US Pro Indoor (76315) **9.00** Five Nations Rugby: Ireland v France (58570) **10.00** Pro Box (25605) **12.00** Five Nations Rugby: Scotland v Wales (28792) **1.00pm** European Snooker (465518) **3.30** Volvo PGA Golf (89421) **5.30** NBA Action (4889) **6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (21228) **8.00** Tennis US Pro Indoor (28841) **9.30** Top Match Football (70624) **10.30** NBA Action (75112) **11.00-2.00am** NBA Basketball (232402)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38824599) **6.15** Button Moon (38845082) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1644353) **7.00** Hot Dog (3877570) **7.30** Owl TV (3896605) **8.00** Lassie (5478402) **8.30** Rentaghost (5477773) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (7185599) **11.30** Film. The Yearling (1946) starring Claude Jarman Jr, Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman (37957808) **1.45pm** Film: Summer Holiday (1948) starring Mickey Rooney (3240773) **3.15** The Bill Omnibus (13617686) **5.30** Wuthering Heights (1690841) **6.30** The District Nurse (3396044) **7.00** Sorry! (7295334) **7.30** To the Manor Born (3392228) **8.00** To Serve Them All My Days (3107976) **9.00** Film. Hannah and Her Sisters (1986) starring Michael Caine, Mia Farrow, Carrie Fisher and Barbara Hershey (3100063) **11.00** Ripping Yarns (6826119) **11.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1631889) **12.00-1.15am** In Concert: Talk Talk at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1986 (51262006)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University. Europe and a Changing World — Fiddling with the Past
6.55 Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis); Kodály (Dances of Galanta: BBC Philharmonic under Gyorgy Lehel); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K491: Howard Shelley, BBC Welsh SO under Alexander Rahbari); Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole: BBC Philharmonic under Jean-Claude Casadesus), Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G: BBC Philharmonic under Downes)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. Boieldieu (Overture, The Caliph of Baghdad): Anon 17th-century Hungarian Dance). **9.23** Artist of the Week. Thomas Allen, baritone, sings Rossini (Largo Al Factotum, Il Barbiere di Siviglia), Schmidt (Intermezzo, Notre Dame); Duruflé (Four Motets, Op 10), Granados (Allegro de Concierto), Larsson (Pastoral Suite, Op 19), Mozart (Flute Quartet in D, K285); Schubert (Die Forelle: Heidenroslein), Ireland (Piano Concerto in E flat) **10.53** *Composer of the Week* preview: Arne (Thou soft flowing Avon): Debussy, orch Grainger (Pagodes, Estampes), Krommer (Octet in B flat, Op 78), arr Sharon Isbin (Salley Gardens) arr Britten (I Will Give My Love an Apple; Sailor Boy). Shostakovich (Symphony No 9)
12.00 Spirit of the Age. Denis Stevens reflects on early music in the days of the Third Programme **1.00pm News**
1.05 Replay From the archives, Vita Sackville-West talks about Virginia Woolf's *Orlando*
1.25 From the Proms 1992. Soloists of the Moscow Conservatoire under Yuri Bashmet, viola, perform Schubert, arr Mahler (String Quartet in D minor, Death and the Maiden), Schnittke (Monologue for viola and orchestra): Tchaikovsky (Serenade for Strings)
3.10 Lorna Anderson: The soprano and Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform works by Mendelssohn, Fauré, Britten, Wolf and Bernstein (r)
4.00 Brodsky Quartet Lutoslawski (String Quartet); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 9) (r)
4.55 Mozart: Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K482 (Maria Tipo; Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Lopez-Cobos)
5.30 Listening to . . . Edgar Varèse, with Michael Hall (r)
6.30 Malcolm Binns, piano, plays Brahms (Eight Pieces, Op 76) and Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op 31, No 1) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: The Hole in the Top of the World
● CHOICE: Here is a high-quality hybrid — a morality play that juggles with scientific issues, Genesis, and sharp 1990s comedy. It is part-Shaw (George Bernard), part-Huxley (Aldous), part-Simon (Neil), while preserving the quintessence of our very own Fay Weldon, its true begetter. Recorded in the United States and directed by the BBC's Shaun MacLoughlin, the play stars Hollywood's inimitable Walter Matthau. He plays the scientist manning an Antarctic research station directly beneath the hole in the ozone layer. The premise is that the hole was made by the world's illusions, flying off into space. This gives you some idea of the kind of play Weldon has so audaciously written
8.45 Mendelssohn's Elijah Leeds Philharmonic Chorus and BBC SO under Alexander Gibson. With Joan Rodgers, soprano, Hilary Summers, mezzo, Ian Caley, tenor, and David Wilson-Johnson, bass
11.10 Matthew Locke: Suite No 3 in C, Broken Consort, Part 1; Suite in G minor, Tripla Concordia (Locke Consort)
11.30 Music in Our Time: A Welsh edition. Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez performs Graham Williams (A Peruvian Lament): Hilary Tann (Winter Sun, Summer Rain); Jeffrey Lewis (Epitaph for Abelard and Heloise): Enid Luff (Dream Time with Bells)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Lawrence Jewry, London **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston joins New Zealand sheep farmers Nick and Trish Girling-Butcher **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.55** Weather
8.50 Jane Lapotaire talks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the work of the National Council for One Parent Families
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service live from St Teresa of Avila Church, Ashford, Kent
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Matthew D'Ancona
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the cabinet secretary Sir Robin Butler **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition with Clay Jones and experts
2.30 Classic Serial: Persuasion. The first of a three-part adaptation of Jane Austen's classic story of manners and mores. Starring Juliet Stevenson (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor enters the twilight world of the graveyard shift
4.00 News; Analysis. Bully for the Boys in Blue (r)
4.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: Having a Smashing Time on the M40. David Moreau's final reflections on life's oddities
5.00 News; From the 'Pool to 100 Plus a Fish. Liverpool. George Melly begins an autobiographical journey (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae presents readings from Longfellow's *The Song of Hiawatha* **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Dished Up in the Dordogne: Sylvia Horn reports on the year she and her family went to live in France (r)
7.00 Nearest and Dearest: Grandparents (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde explores the role of the fiction editor; and the actor and writer Terence Stamp reveals his essential reading (r)
8.00 A Taste of . . . Finnish: Ray Gosling has tea with Dr Michael Branch and his wife Hannele, and visits Rotherhithe to meet Magnus, Jenny and Esse (r)
8.30 Goodbye to All That The first of a four-part series on the world's art colonies and creative communities. Simon Parkes visits Deya in northern Majorca which grew up around the poet Robert Graves
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm (r)
9.30 Special Assignment 9.59 Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 In Search of Utopia: All Things in Common
● CHOICE: The first of Felicity Goodall's two impartial investigations into Britain's religious and ideological communes concentrates on the Bruderhof and Findhorn communities. Members of the Sussex-based Bruderhof owe 100 per cent allegiance to God and each other. The Findhorn in Scotland, a multi-faith, New Age community, does not rule out the possibility that elves and fairies exist or that plants can be communicated with. Bruderhof has largely renounced the outside world, whereas Findhorn appears to have established a sensible working relationship with it
11.00 In Committee, with Tim Fenton
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Harold Ingham talks about deism
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day. The Office of Compline
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2 Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92 4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs presents Much More Music **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington; **2.00** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell. **4.00** Stars of the Fifties; **4.30** Sing Something Simple, **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from the Chapel of Taunton School **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country (r) **12.35** Charles Nove **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

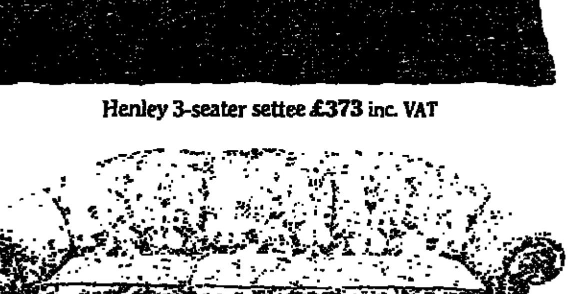
RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 3.55am** Test Match Special: India v England **6.30** Weekend Edition Update **6.45** Test Match Special **8.45** Weekend Edition Update **9.05** Test Match Special **11.10** The Unopened Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, by John Taylor (2/8) **11.40** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Money Talk **2.30** They Think it's All Over **3.00** Sunday Sport: Football — Blackburn Rovers v Chelsea **6.00** A Century Remembered **6.30** Education Matters **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.20** Open University: Maths Miscellany: **7.40** Education Bulletin **8.00** Renaissance Attitudes to the Cosmos; **8.20** The Enlightenment; **8.40** Creativity in Management; **9.00** Open Forum, **9.20** Art Works, **9.40** Women's Studies, Public Voices **10.10** Across the Line, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.55** Test Match Special: India v England

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **GMT. 4.30am** World Business Review **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** News; Europe This Weekend **5.56** European Sports News **6.00** News **6.15** Letter from America **6.30** Programmes in French **7.00** News **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Write On **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Classics with Kay **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Review **9.15** Short Story: The Angels **9.30** Folk Routes **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.01** Science in Action **10.30** In Praise of God **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and British Press Review in German **12.01pm** Play of the Week, Mother of 1084 **1.00** News **2.01** It's Your World Phone-ins **3.00** News **3.15** International Recital **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Review **5.15** Club 648 **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** News **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Folk Routes **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Review **11.15** Classics with Kay **Midnight** News **12.30am** In Praise of God **1.00** News **1.01** What's News? **1.15** After Independence **1.45** Newsdesk **2.30** Composer of the Month: Gabriel Fauré **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** The Brain

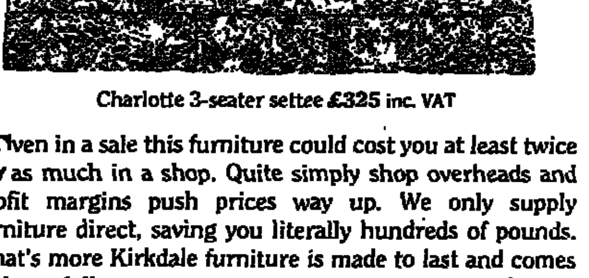
CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Kelly's Line. 0345 491812 **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performances **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Beethoven (Missa Solemnis: Cologne RSO and Chorus under Hans Vonk **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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Parading too many identities

Lynne Truss gets lost in a confusing welter of dubious lookalikes and characters in search of authority



THE identity crisis is not such a fashionable condition as it used to be. A few years ago, if you weren't having an identity crisis, you were nobody. This week, however, it was possible to observe some quite severe identity problems just sitting at home and watching the telly, especially if you were able to see the two-part *Diana: Her True Story* (Sunday and Tuesday, Sky One), or *French and Saunders* (Thursday, BBC2), or *Without Walls: J'Accuse Dame Edna Everage* (Tuesday, Channel 4), or *The Michael Jackson Interview* (Monday, BBC2). Throughout all these crazy mixed-up programmes, the plaintive cry of "Who's that? Surely it's not — ?" rang out repeatedly in my house, followed by low whimperings of confusion.

The worst crisis hit when I was showing highlights from Michael Jackson to a neighbour. "Look," I said, "this is quite amazing." And I spooled forward to the point where the spooky white-faced Jackson talks about his mother and dad. "My mother is perfection," he piped, in that strange soft girlie voice, just as a still photograph of a dark-skinned man and a lighter-skinned woman appeared on the screen. I freeze-framed the picture triumphantly.

"See?" I yelled, a mad glint in my eye. "D'you see?"

"See what?" said my neighbour.

"He wants to be his mother!" I shouted, "His mother looks exactly like him! Look, even the stray lock of hair down her face, the same eyebrows, everything! It's his mother he's turning into!"

"But that's not his mother, it's him."

TV REVIEW

"What?"

"That's a picture of Michael Jackson and his dad."

"Is it?"

I felt weightless, suddenly. I gaped. For heaven's sake, I had just spent several hours establishing beyond a shadow of doubt that Michael Jackson's new white face was identical to Michael Jackson's new white face in a photo. I wondered whether it was time to bail out of this TV reviewing business before serious damage was done.

The trouble is that superficial resemblance can serve all sorts of purposes on television, and occasionally one gets confused. For example, when French and Saunders dress up as Shakespears Sister, as they did this week, obviously the purpose is just to get a laugh. Simple as that. Later in the series we are promised a *House of Eliott* sketch, in which they appear as Bea and Evie wearing exact replicas of House of Eliott clothes, replicating the House of Eliott hairstyles, and cunningly saving buckets of money by filming the entire thing on House of Eliott sets. What they do with all this hard-earned verisimilitude is almost immaterial. The joke is funny already.

Yet sometimes when you see lookalikes, you are not supposed to laugh. On *Without Walls*, Rory Bremner dressed up as Dame Edna Everage, and the viewer was quite emphatically instructed not to laugh, because it wasn't funny. The thesis of this utterly uncalled-for *J'Accuse* was that Dame Edna no longer has a satiric edge, and has become an unleashed monster, vicious and out of control. Do I hear you say "So what?" That's funny, so did I. Do I also hear you say that Rory Bremner's impression of Dame Edna isn't terribly good? Well, I said that, too.

While Bremner certainly had some good points to make about his fellow artiste, a *J'Accuse* was quite the wrong way to make them. With its expert witnesses, its oratory and its incriminating clips, *J'Accuse* is the arts-programme equivalent of a public stoning, and is usually reserved for people who are safely dead. Bremner didn't even follow the usual rubric of the series, which is to attack the reputation rather than the artist. His assault was totally *ad hominem* (although in a spooky, *ad feminam* kind of way, of course), and he conducted it very much as though it were a public duty rather than a matter of opinion. In the context of all this, then, his impersonation of Edna was simply mean.

Why all this stuff about impersonators? Well, it was, of course, the big question hanging over the mini-series *Diana: Her True Story* — would the superficial resemblance between actors and originals be a bonus or a handicap? In other words, would David Threlfall (as the Prince of Wales) diligently talking out of the side of his mouth, like Popeye, convince the viewer that this story was the truth (no! not that!), or just make us laugh uncontrollably? In the event, I am pleased to say, there was no contest. French and Saunders couldn't have done it better. *Diana: Her True Story* was skin-deep drama pushed to its shallowest limit, with Prince Charles not only conversing with rhubarb, but apparently allowing the rhubarb to write his lines.

To be fair, the pleasurable shock of recognition ("Why, isn't that Princess Anne!") is a very small dramatic effect on which to build a four-hour drama packed with dialogue that the audience knows already ("monstrous carbuncle", and so on), so I suppose you've got to hand it to them, they did it.

Based on Andrew Morton's book of the same name, *Diana: Her True Story* might best be described as *Rebecca* with flag-wavers. Young timid inexperienced girl marries older man with higher social standing; gets terrorised by the servants; feels trapped indoors; goes crazy with jealousy of man's former love (Rebecca/Camilla); incurs husband's wrath by wearing inappropriate flouncy frock to first big party; occasionally breaks ornaments. There are also subtle differences of plot, of course, because at *Rebecca*'s finale, Manderley blazes dramatically against a night sky, and — but hang on, perhaps the resemblance is a bit too striking, after all.

Curiously, however, other striking resemblances in *Diana: Her True Story* were a bit thin on the ground. It is one of the main paradoxes of this kind of lookalike exercise, actually, that the casting director is damned if he does, damned if he doesn't, and pilloried for half measures in between. Which is just another reason, surely, why it is not worth doing. So, while David Threlfall's Prince of Wales was a full-blown caricature (well done, but still ludicrous), the glimpsed Princess Margaret was a mere chintzy-frock-and-tiara job (a hoot), and the Queen Mother a tiny whispering curly-haired woman in ruffled blues, whom no amount of cat-calls from the viewer, apparently, could persuade to desist.

The confusions and feelings of disbelief surrounding this piece were numerous. Who, I wondered (for ages), was that Mysterious Old Cove who seemed to be hanging around the Queen all the time, and gatecrashing important family dinners? It's him, I kept saying: he's there again. Well, blow me, it turned out to be the Duke of Edinburgh.

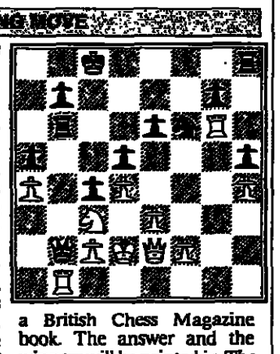
If it seems perverse to judge *Diana: Her True Story* by its appearances, I would reply that it's only fair to take it on its own terms. I hope, by the way, that I have not given the impression that I didn't enjoy it. There were some excellent lookalike frocks, and even some interesting lookalike newspapers, with titles such as *The Informer* and *The Echo*. And the corgis, one and all, were excellent.



Royal masks: who are those vaguely familiar caricatures hiding behind Serena Scott Thomas, David Threlfall and Anne Stallybrass?

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



World champion Gary Kasparov has always cited the great champion Alexander Alekhine as his chess hero. Kasparov has said that Alekhine's combinations "came like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky". This position is a variation from the game Nimzowitsch — Alekine, Vilna 1912. Alekhine tried to lure his opponent into this position, but Nimzowitsch refused the bait. What had he foreseen? Black to play.

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

WEDELN
a. Nordic permafrost tundra
b. Austrian edelweiss braces
c. Skiing by swerving

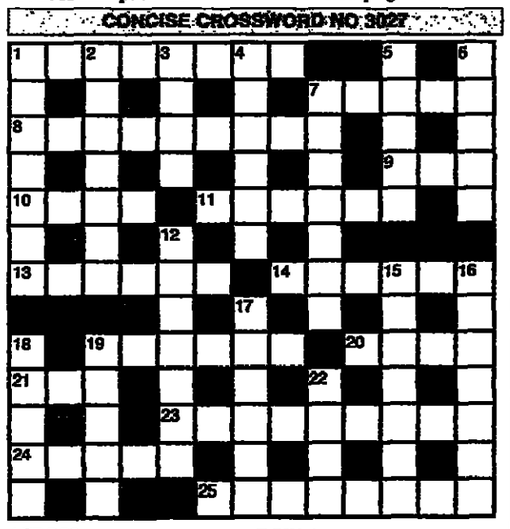
LAMDAN
a. A Talmudic scholar
b. A lame-brain
c. An Indian paddock

COCUM
a. Lucky, advantageous
b. Chilli chutney
c. A housekeeper

RESILIUM
a. A Papist council
b. Hinge of a bivalve
c. The political opposition

Answers on page 15

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3027



ACROSS
1 Heaven (8)
7 Add (3,2)
8 Risk provoking (5,4)
9 Flying saucer (1,1,1)
10 Salute (4)
11 Fracture support (6)
13 Struggle (6)
14 Redeem (6)
19 Shape (6)
20 Not fat (4)
21 Paddle (3)
23 Plane triallist (4,5)
24 Suspicious (5)
25 Whirlpool motions (8)

DOWN
1 Quick casual shot (7)
2 Corpse (7)
3 Romantic assignation (4)
4 Marshes (6)
5 Thick-bodied (5)
6 Back hair hat (5)
7 Pouch-billed bird (7)
12 Capricious (7)
15 Varnish resin (7)
16 Meeting notes (7)
17 Wet plaster painting (6)
18 Brag (5)
19 Mendicant brother (5)
22 Rotisserie (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3026

ACROSS: 7 Help 8 Unhorsed 9 Mirror 10 Points 11 Punt 12 Grudging 15 Mediator 17 Cage 18 Credit 21 Sanity 22 Sedation 23 Pawn

DOWN: 1 Pedicure 2 Spirit 3 Put right 4 Shop 5 Trying 6 Pelt 13 Uprising 14 Night owl 16 In drag 17 Canopy 19 Reel 20 Thin

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A walk on the wild side of lobsters

TV PREVIEW

● **Without Walls: The Art of Tripping**
(Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm)
It was Lily Tomlin, I believe, who said that reality is a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs *(Lynne Truss writes)*. I have a shrewd idea that this two-part film about the influence of hallucinogenic drugs on "Culture" — i.e., on such egocentric bores as Anaïs Nin and William Burroughs — will peddle much the same line.

However, *The Art of Tripping* certainly takes a comprehensive sweep through the territory, enlisting heaps of good actors to portray the great literary opium-eaters, from Thomas de Quincey to the present day. I have a mental picture of a lot of inert Victorians with glazed expressions lying about on sofas, but since this wouldn't make particularly good telly, we shall have to wait and see.

Let's hope, anyway, that it clears up the mystery of Gérard de Nerval's habit of taking a lobster for a walk in the Tuileries, attached to a long blue ribbon. Was he acting under a tragic drug-induced misapprehension as to the lobster's identity?

● **Timewatch: The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover**
(Wednesday, BBC2, 8.10pm)
In these cynical times of ours, there is an ever-widening category of dastardly doings that, the minute you hear about them for the first time, you feel you've known for ever.

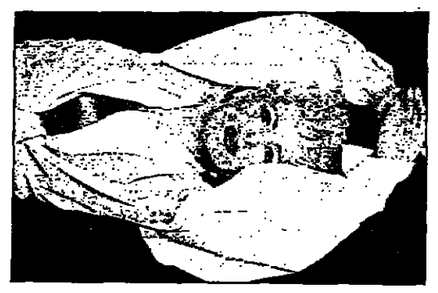
The revelations about the great FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover — that he was blackmailed by the Mafia, who had pictures of him wearing a frock and engaging in oral sex with his (male) assistant — fall directly into this category, I find, making scarcely a ripple on the surface. Of course he was corrupt. Of course he wore frocks. He was the head of the FBI, for goodness' sake.

● **Wildlife on One: Backstreet Bandits**
(Thursday, BBC1, 8pm)
A repeat of a great wildlife film, first shown two years ago, in which the urban raccoon of North America is revealed as a kind of streetwise Top Cat figure, shouldering down alleys like it owned the joint. Its attitude to scavenging has none of the furtiveness one normally expects from small defenceless furry animals; it just marches up to dustbins and slings off the lids, with an almost audible mutter of "What's that? Gimme that."

The most memorable scene, as I recall, involves a woman in Toronto, who daily opens her patio doors and invites the raccoons in for a light supper of crunchy pellets. Poor sap. NB: while she talks about them being cute, they are mooching about in her living-room, picking up objects, eyeing-up the pictures. It is only a short evolutionary step, one feels, before they are slipping cigarette lighters into their pockets and slinking out into the night.

GUILTY SECRETS

Margi Clarke, actor



"I don't watch a lot of TV — I'm more of a reader. If anything I tend to watch political programmes like *Question Time* and *Newsnight*. Mmm ... I love that Jeremy Paxman. The trouble is I'm so busy studying that wonderful nose of his that I miss all the exciting political points that are going down."

● *Margi Clarke presents* The Good Sex Guide *on ITV*

The love that revived the Beloved

Waxing lyrical, Jon Marsh explains the Beloved's three-year absence



IN 1989, Jon Marsh's face stopped being just a convenient place to keep a nose, and a neat way of tying up a few nerve endings, and became instead an icon — that flashlit blur of features turned into a visual shorthand for lurve and peace and people getting together *right now*.

It was just after the Acid summer of love, see: everyone was looking for new heroes — preferably ones that didn't mind sculling around in flotation tanks for their videos and nearly falling out of trees for photo shoots. And Marsh had these big blue eyes, and half a dozen cracking songs about peace and lurve and getting together *right now*, and the kind of long long hair Vidal Sassoon weeps about in his sleep. *Obviously* he and his band, the Beloved, were going to be famous.

Their music wore the mood of the time effortlessly: "Hello" got them on *Top of the Pops*; the slinksome "Time After Time" saw a few thousand posters of Marsh and fellow Beloved person Steve Waddington Sellotaped to discerning teenagers' walls, and the beautiful "Sun Rising" ensured them a particularly sumptuous place in heaven.

"Sun Rising" was a cold-sweat drift through the beginning of the dawn: people wandered off, blasted from the dance floors, and out into the cold new day with "Sun Rising" playing on an endless loop in their heads. It was a glide through the euphoria created in escaping sleep all night and, ugh, it was on an Alpen advert as well.

The Beloved were everybody's favourite "left field pop/dance type band", as Marsh describes them. And then? And then they promptly did absolutely nothing at all, on a regular basis, for about three years.

Oh, sure, there was a remix album — *Blissed Out* — but I daresay Glenda Jackson could knock out a remix album without too much effort. No, the Beloved stubbornly did nothing for three years, and the world was left to chew on its fingernails, then its knuckles, and finally the stumps of its arms until "Sweet Harmony", the new single, bobbed up in the Top Ten a few weeks back, looking suspiciously perky and perfect, and trailing a new album, *Conscience*, behind it.

So where, by Jupiter, have they *been* all this time, and what has Marsh done to his once flowing tresses? "It's a fairly straightforward story," he says. His eyes are very blue, but his hair *is very* short. "Steve left the band because, well, we'd ceased to be reliant on each other. We had a big lunch and decided it was all over, and I've not really seen him since. And then I got married to Helena and she and, well, *we* started recording this album."

Marsh is, indeedy, fairly goopy over his new wife and band member. He'd fancied her for ages before, but when they were introduced by a mutual friend at a nightclub "it was equal measures of lust and love on both sides". And from this rare and perfect love was fashioned the recent single "Sweet Harmony", the video for which was banned from our television screens. This was because it featured "loads of naked birds" as one, now ex-, friend of mine put it. The women had their nipples discreetly covered with masking tape, and it was all supposed to be very innocent and beautiful, but it was, none the less, kept from view.

"I think it was the combination of the lyrics and the images," Marsh says thoughtfully, chewing on a red pepper. His hair is now *very* short. "I mean, the lyrics run 'Let's come together, right now, oh yeah, in sweet harmony'. That's a dubious coupling for many. Really it's just as well we weren't sampling The Beatles 'Come together, right now, over me'. That would definitely have been advocating some kind of mutual experience, which I don't think the Broadcasting Standards Council would have looked on too kindly."

So the video wasn't some kind of arrogant gesture for loads of notoriety and publicity? "Oh, God, no," Marsh says. "I don't think I could be very arrogant now at all. I visited ultra-arrogance, I've been there once. And when you've been there, you don't want to go back again in a hurry. You burn it out, cauterise it, leave no trace. I'm, hopefully, a well-balanced and fairly pleasant person to be with now." He grins.

So, Jon. Finally. Why *did* you cut your lovely hair?

"Oh, I went on holiday and it was too hot, so I had it snipped. No great mystery there," he says.

So now we know.



Back in sweet harmony: Marsh, shorn of his flowing locks

CAITLIN MORAN

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